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Dedication

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO PEOPLE.

TO THE UNKNOWNS who knew this area in centuries past.

TO THE AMERICAN INDIANS who fished the waters of Howard Lake and camped along its shore.

TO THE EARLY PIONEERS who braved the wilderness and hardships in hope of finding a better life for themselves and their families.

TO THE PEOPLE who built our community, its commerce, its schools, its churches; who laid the foundation for the society we now enjoy.

TO THE PEOPLE now living here, who by their labors in farming, business, industry and the professions have all contributed to our general well-being.

TO THE PEOPLE of the future. May they enjoy reading about the first hundred years; may their life in Howard Lake be productive and satisfying.

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND
THE FULLNESS THEREOF: THE WORLD,
AND THEY THAT DWELL THEREIN.
(Ps. 24:1)

The Naming of Howard Lake

On May 8, 1890, the HOWARD LAKE HERALD published this account of how our lake was named.

It was in the "fifties" that a party of government surveyors, venturing out from the territorial capitol into the domain of the deer, bear and Indian, stepped out from the maple forest upon the sand beach of the sheet of water which now borders Main Street, Howard Lake. After running a six mile meander line around the wooded shores, the party studied to give the lake a fitting name. From the wealth of sugar maple groves which encircled it, from the abundance of pike and bass beneath its surface, from the prettily sloping hills and shores which in leafy luxuriance came down to meet it, from the depth of black loam and leaf-mold which made fertile the country around, the company decided that Nature, when she came to fit out the spot with virgin resources, had taken upon herself, in a suddenly generous streak, the providential mission of John Howard, the philanthropist, and they therefore named the lake Howard.

VILLAGE OF HOWARD LAKE

(History of the Upper Mississippi Valley — 1881)

MORGAN V. COCHRAN,

one of the early settlers of Wright county, was born in Harrison county, West Virginia, on the 22nd of April, 1836. When he was an infant, his parents removed to Indiana, thence to Iowa, and when our subject was ten years old, returned to Virgina. In the spring of 1855, he came west to seek his fortune. Came by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers, to St. Paul, thence by stage to Shakopee, then on foot to Greenwood, arriving on the 14th day of May, 1855, and on the next day, staked out a claim at Montrose, now the farm of George M. Wright.

In the fall of 1855, he came here in the employ of a town site company, having been engaged by them to erect a house on the present site of the village. He performed the required labor, and then looked to the company for the promised remuneration, which, however, was never received. Being thus deserted, the company's enthusiasm having died out, Mr. Cochran, the following spring, 1856, took out pre-emption papers on the tract mentioned, which was in section three, and commenced improvements on his own account. Lynden, which was to have been the name of the proposed city, was indefinitely postponed.

The old town site house afterward became the first temple of learning, and within its rude walls were gathered the first band of juvenile students, in the winter of 1858-59, under the supervision and instruction of Miss Jane P. Gleason, now Mrs. M. V. Cochran. Miss Gleason also became the first bride in this town, her marriage with Mr. Cochran dating May 9th, 1859.

This newly wedded couple opened their house for public worship, and a few months after their marriage, the first religious exercises were held at their residence by Rev. William Baisley, a Baptist clergyman.

In 1863, Mr. Cochran sold his land, on which he had made considerable improvements, to Charles Goodsell, who occupied it as a farm until completion of the railroad to this point, then, in the spring of 1869, platted the portion of the present site then owned by him, and improvements were at once commenced.

Several buildings were commenced in the spring of 1869, and pushed to rapid completion, Jones and Algine taking the lead. Their building was the Sherman House, and was long used as a hotel. J. M. Markley soon had a frame building fit for occupancy, in which he opened a general store, and during the summer he erected a larger building for mercantile use. George Bayton had opened a stock of goods in a small building previous to Mr. Markley's. John A. Johnson

This group seems to be on the way to a 4th of July Celebration. It is estimated that the picture was taken (1905-07) at the Dead End of St. Paul Street. The camera point of view is to the N.E. with the lake and the G.N. R.R. tracks barely visible at the right center. The teamster is Parker "Doc" Jestus, and second from right, front row, May Reinmuth (Mrs. Aaron).

began the erection of a lumber and grist mill about the same time. Another store was opened soon after by J. F. Pearson, and the village made rapid strides in general development.

The People's Elevator was built in 1879 by Calvin Mooers, having a capacity of 20,000 bushels, and operated by a six horse-power engine. Mr. D. P. Brown bought a half interest the following year, since which time the firm name is Mooers & Brown. A new elevator is now in process of construction, with capacity of 40,000 bushels.

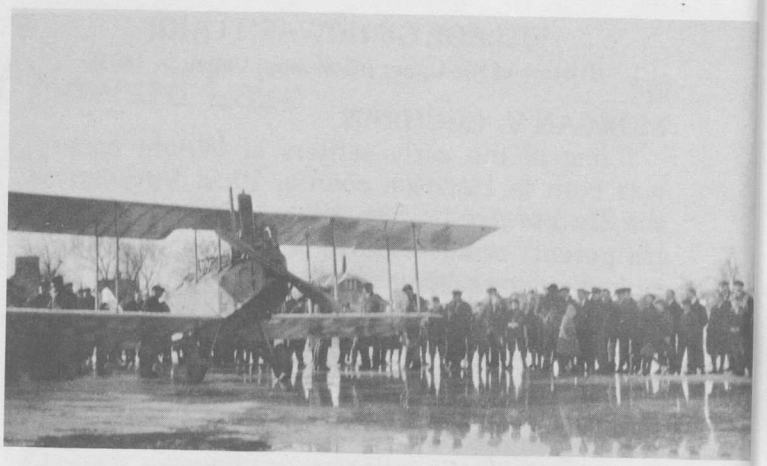
Two stave factories have been built by G. W. Thompson, both of which were destroyed by fire after a brief existence.

In 1878, the Jones House, a commodious and well arranged hotel, was built by H. E. Jones, who still owns and controls it.

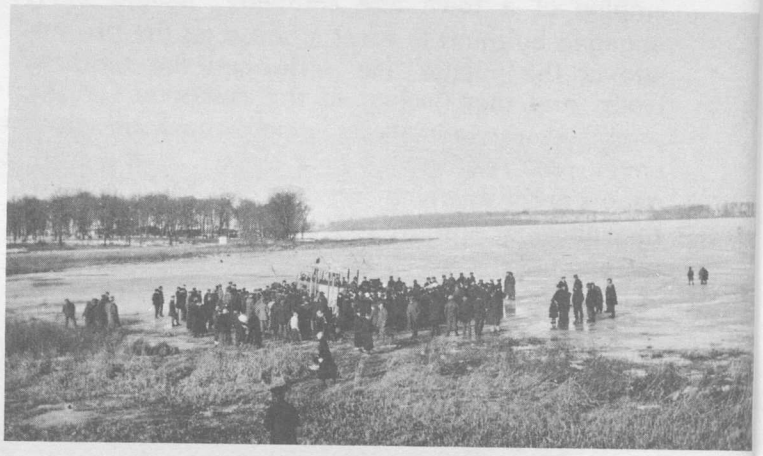
The lumber and flouring mills built by John A. Johnson contributed much to the growth of the village.

The village of Howard Lake was incorporated in 1878, and held an election on the 29th of August of that year, resulting in the election of the following officers: President, C. E. Carter; Trustees, Charles Goodsell, Jonathan Smith, and John F. Pearson; Treasurer, H. E. Jones; Justice of the Peace, F. E. Latham; Recorder, Eugene Johnston; Constable, C. W. Fogle.

An Independent School District was organized, and a building erected about 1870, which was replaced by the present elegant structure in 1875. The new building has four rooms, and three departments are maintained. Five common school districts are organized in the town, where the usual summer and winter terms are held.



First airplane to land in Howard Lake, January 29, 1919.



Crowd gathers around first airplane to land in Howard Lake.

Fred Main posing with Snowmobile made from motorcycle, owned by Ed Eddy. 1921

1913 Ford, Albert Drawert, Owner. Mr. and Mrs. Drawert seated in the car, Amelia Drawert (Cochran) on the running board.

July 4, 1918. Left (l. to r.) H. E. Berry, Mrs. Fred Rausch, Mrs. H. E. Berry, Mrs. J. L. Cofer, O. P. Comer, Marie Berry, Luella Dreveskracht, Mrs. O. P. Jungclaus and O. P. Jungclaus. Right (r. to l.) Fred Rausch, J. L. Cofer, Billy Cofer, Ed Rausch, Ione Rausch, Mrs. Robert Rausch, Mrs. O. A. Konchal, O. A. Konchal, Junior Konchal and Mrs. O. P. Comer.

TOWN OF MIDDLEVILLE

D. R. Farnham's Wright County History, 1880.

Middleville is situated in the southwest part of Wright County, six miles from the County Line, South and West; it is bounded on the North by Albion, on the East by Marysville, on the South by Victor and on the West by Cokato. Originally, on the first organization of the towns in the County, in April, 1858, there were 4 Townships in Middleville; the Towns of Cokato, Stockholm, and Victor have since been organized out of the territory. Middleville now is Township 119 of Range 27. The Township was originally nearly all timber land, oak, linden and a large amount of hard maple. The surface is more generally level than any other timber town in the County, but just enough rolling, so as to make it an excellent farming town; the soil is a rich dark loam, with clay sub-soil, no sandy or light soil in the Township. There are many natural meadows, and the town is well watered by the north fork of Crow River which enters the Town in Section 18 and runs through the area.

Lakes

Howard Lake is nearly all in this town, in Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, covering about 800 acres; it is the finest body of water in the County. It was named Howard from the famed English philanthropist, Sir John Howard, in the spring of 1856 by Irvin Shrewsbury, of the Town of Independence, Hennepin County, and Abraham Adams, an engineer or surveyor of Shakopee, who made claims on the south side of the lake, and partly surveyed and laid out the townsite in May, 1856, near the present Village of Howard, but did not finish the work. Smith Lake, in Section 31, is the next largest lake in the Town, covering about 300 acres, and named in August, 1858, by Engineer Smith, who surveyed the first line of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad through the county. The other lakes are: Goose Lake and Swanson's Lake, in Section 2, Junken's Lake in Section 6, Hawkin's Lake in Section 13, Taylor's Lake in Sections 22 and 23, Doerfler's Lake in Sections 25 and 26, School Lake in Section 36.

First Settlers

The first actual settler was George Reinmuth, a native of Germany, who first settled in the United States at Pittsburg, Penn., in 1852; he came to St. Paul in 1856, and on May 7, 1856, took a claim in Section 27, on the North shore of Howard Lake. Without a team of any kind, the ax and hoe were all the farming tools used for the first few years. No roads, no neighbors, he was isolated and alone nearly all of the first year, and had many hard tramps with much trial and suffering.

August Enke came into the town with Reinmuth, made a claim and some improvements on a lot adjoining on Section 28, and moved his family here the next year; he is a carpenter by trade, but also worked his farm.

Mr. Henry Boam is a native of Ohio, and came to Minnesota in 1854, was engaged in U. S. Government surveys, for a surveying party from Glencoe prairie to near Howard Lake, helping to subdivide this and some other Townships. In running the lines he came across the small prairie on the bank of Crow River in the Northwest quarter of Section 10, and concluded to make a

home there. For two or three years, he spent most of his time in hunting up claims for settlers, exploring the country, or in hunting or fishing. He was for a number of years Postmaster at Middleville Postoffice.

John L. King came from West Virginia, and took a claim in Section 35, in May, 1857; he has continued to reside in the Town since that time. He has a fine farm in Section 34, on the North shore of Howard Lake; he has held many town offices, and was the first Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

In the spring of 1858 came Jacob Sheppard, who settled on Section 28, and John L. Barth on Section 22. A. E. Cochran, Joseph Borell and Andrew Doerfler came next. About this time, W. P. Holbrook made the claim where the Village of Smith Lake is now located. In 1858, and 1859 the land was nearly all claimed except many of the odd numbered Sections which went to the Railroad Company, as they pretended to locate their road in 1858; very soon they held each alternate Section for six miles on either side of the surveyed line.

Township Organization

On the organization of the Town by the County Commissioners in the spring of 1858, the four Townships, Middleville, Victor, Cokato and Stockholm, in the Southwest part of the County were put under an organization, and named by M. V. Cochran, Middleville, from his native town in Virginia. The first town meeting was held at the house of M. V. Cochran, May 11, 1858, near the present Village of Howard Lake, and the following named persons were elected Town Officers: John L. King, Chairman; Jason Lobdel, Edwin Brester (Brewster), Supervisors; M. V. Cochran, Town Clerk; Geo. Doerfler, Treasurer; A. J. Gardner, Assessor; A. E. Cochran, Justice of the Peace; Timothy Lowell, Constable.

First School

The first school was taught by Mrs. Lavina Cochran, commenced in May, 1860, in School District No. 45, then comprising the present Towns of Victor and Middleville. A small log school house was built on the bank of Howard Lake.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

Lavina C. Reinmuth, daughter of George Reinmuth, was born July 21, 1858. Emma Enke, daughter of August Enke, was born May 29, 1859. The first death was Gustav Reinmuth, son of George Reinmuth, died April 12, 1861. The first marriages in town were those of Joseph Sheppard and John Leonard Barth; they had been living alone and doing their own cooking and house keeping, but getting tired of the lonely life, they went to St. Paul in November, 1857, for the express purpose of finding wives, and in two or three days returned, having succeeded and brought their wives with them.

The Indian Scare

In 1862, the settlers all left; many went to St. Paul and Minneapolis, but some stopped at Greenwood and Rockford, and worked at forts and stockades, and the town was left for many days without a single inhabitant. But in 1862, many of the settlers did not scare so easily; many persons remained on their farms; although the Dustin Massacre (June 29, 1862) took place in Middleville, the people were not so much frightened as those at a distance, and the experience of 1862, in losing crops and stock, kept many of the men and some of the braver women at home watching the worse thieves than Indians.

Schools

There are six school districts in Town, and five frame school houses, nearly all of them well finished, and neat, nice and comfortable schools, all taught from six to nine months in each district. There are very few towns in the County where so much interest is taken in having fine school houses and good schools; the leading citizens are liberal in raising money to support them, and have been very careful in selecting good teachers and paying them good wages.

Mills

Herman Albrecht built a grist mill on Crow River, in Section 8, in 1879 — the only Mill of the kind in the Town; the Mill has a good water power, three run of burrs, is a substantial structure and is doing a good business. M. V. Cochran & Co. built a steam saw mill at Smith Lake in 1873, 25 horse power; this mill was burned in 1875, and was rebuilt in 1876, with the same power, but was burned in 1879. The burned mill, or what was left of it, was sold in 1880 to Hindman and Workman, and rebuilt in 1881; it is now a first class saw mill, 55 horse power, and as it is a good timber country, is doing a good business generally. A small steam saw mill was built at Boam's place in 1877, and run for two or three years, but has gone to decay and is not used at present; there are not many water powers on Crow River in this Town; it is generally a slow, sluggish stream, and can never turn many mill wheels; the power used for future mills will have to be steam.

The Famine of 1867

As it has been said, the Railroad Company held nearly one-half of the land in this Town, almost every odd numbered Section, from 1858 to 1866, and during the war times from 1861 to 1865, and also during the Indian troubles many of the old or first settlers left the Town, so that in the Fall of 1865, there were but very few inhabitants; but in the Spring and Summer of

1866, the near prospect of a railroad being built, as the railroad land had come into the market, and as there were many vacant homesteads in the Town, settlers began to pour in, and during 1866, a large part of the homesteads were taken, and a large part of the Railroad lands purchased by actual settlers; some of them came late in the season and a large majority did not raise any crops; and as many of them were in very close quarters for the necessaries of life; and as many of them had expected to find employment on the railroad to be built that year, they were disappointed. The Spring of 1867 is noted as a very wet season; through the months of April, May, June and July this part of the country was almost flooded, rendering it almost impossible to work on railroads or anything else, the roads were impassable and the railroad company did not do anything. The settlers along the proposed line who had depended on railroad work, were without employment and many of them without money or necessary food. Applications were made to the Board of County Commissioners for temporary relief, with what success has been stated in the County History. About 150 persons in Middleville asked for relief by application and certificates, signed by the Board of Supervisors and Town Clerk, and received help from the County; two or three members of the Friends' Church went to St. Anthony, Minneapolis and St. Paul, to solicit aid to save the starving citizens of Middleville, and succeeded in raising four or five hundred dollars. From what was contributed by the County or received from individuals, it would seem that the citizens of Middleville were in a destitute and deplorable condition.

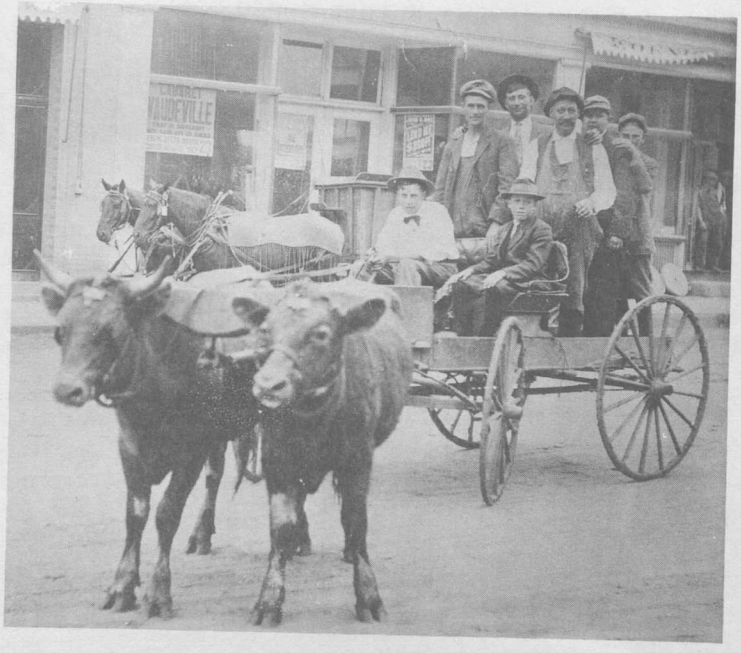
Rival Village Dies

In 1870, soon after the Railroad was completed, Mr. J. Dunn and H. Tanner purchased quite a large tract of land in Section 36, (area of Gordon Diers' farm) at the Southeast corner of Section 1 adjoining in the Town of Victor, (the Streich farm), made some improvements on the land in Middleville and built a large store building and dwelling house; a store was opened and preparations were made for laying out a Town. Negotiations were opened with F. R. Delano, Geo. L. Becker and others of the Railroad Company to establish a Station and build a Depot at or near 12 Mile Creek, very near the Southeast Corner of the Town; but the failure to succeed just at that time was on account of not being able to purchase the land of Andrew Beck, adjoining on the East, to make the Townsite complete. Andrew's primitive one-horse saw mill on the Creek near the Railroad would have been a great addition to the New Town; but when the Town Proprietors offered him his price, he jumped higher, and this thing was played two or three times in as many months, and the New Town and Station were delayed on account of Beck's ambition to get an exorbitant price for his land, and the valuable water power and machinery. Then came the failure of the firm and their mammoth establishment on the Minnesota River, the loss or failure to retain $8,000 for the new store at 12 Mile Creek stopped all further proceedings and negotiations, and the New Town closed its eyes in death, and Waverly and Howard Lake lost a very much feared rival, which if it had been successful, would no doubt have ruined both.

Snow plowing on St. Paul Street, Otto Jungclaus Store and Koenig Hardware in the background.

John W. Custer Threshing Machine in the foreground and four other threshing rigs on St. Paul Street, Howard Lake, 1902.

D. M. Bowers Drayline making delivery at Rausch's Store in Howard Lake, 1920.



Gabbert Ox Team, 1916-17. Louis Gabbert, driver and Emil Gabbert. Standing, l. to r.: Henry Holsing, William Lutter, Dave M. Bowers, Ray Dreveskracht and unknown.

Team of horses and "V" plow clearing snow from Highway 12, January, 1919.

MIDDLEVILLE TOWNSHIP

An interesting item of history: William Henry Brumfield, by trading a good pair of horses, obtained the homestead-rights to eighty acres of land.

Al Wildung, age 86, told the story of an experience that his father, William Wildung, had with a bear during the early years on his farm. While sitting in his log cabin in those early years, he heard the barking of his dog and went to investigate. He took along his muzzle loader gun and discovered that the dog was barking at a bear up a tree. Mr. Wildung took aim and fired, but only wounded the bear. The enraged animal came down and charged. It takes time to reload a muzzle loader, and with a charging angry bear almost upon him there would not have been time to reload. The dog diverted the bear's attention at this moment, long enough for Mr. Wildung to reload and then fire a shot that dispatched the bear.

MIDDLEVILLE

Township 119, Range 27 (Middleville). The first claims in this Congressional township were entered in 1858. Those who filed that year were: John Lang, Michael McCabe. These were on the edge of the township. The next entries were made in 1860. Those who filed that year were: William P. Buck.

1868: H. Bosin (Boam?), B. Thurstenson, L. Barth.

1869: J. J. Stanton, M. Swartout, M. Hayes, H. Hayes, G. Reinmuth, A. Enke, J. Hanson, A. Christopher.

Left to right(Front) Fred Rausch, Elizabeth Rausch, (Back) Hattie, Carrie and Liz Rausch

LIST OF VOTERS IN TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLEVILLE — 1867

(History and Business Directory of Wright County — 1867)

Anker, August
Shanope, Peter
Swartout, M. R.
Christopher, A.
Suder, J. C.
Boam, Harvey
Holbrook, Wm. P.
Glassco, John
Taylor, M.
Blackburne, J. W.
Cheer, Conrad
Oliver, John
Cochran, A.
Hunt, J. W.
Cook. D. C.
Havison, J.
Coridin, James
Doerfler, Martin
Rheinmoth, George
Barth, John
Williamson, John
McDonald, David J.

An 1879 Map of Wright County shows these familiar names:

MIDDLEVILLE TOWNSHIP

Albrecht
Anderson
Barnes
Barth
Berg
Bobrowske
Borell
Bowman
Boxell
Boyle
Buck
Buttenhoff
Christopherson
Cochran
Cutts
Dahlberg
Doerfler
Eggersgluss
Enke
Erickson
Ferrell
Fleming
Freeman
Gilmer
Garman
Gerber
Gilmer
Goodsell
Griswold
Gruenhagen
Habighorst
Hartrick
Hawkins
Hayner
Hays
Hein
Herbst
Hoag
Hollerbach
Horsch
Horton
Hover
Hunt
Johnson
Lambert
Lammers
Larson
Lee
Luhman
Marohn
Martinson
Mattson
May
McCalla
McClay
McDonald
McVeety
Mellon
Melquist
Mertz
Miller
Morgan
O'Connell
Oliver
Olson
Parker
Pearson
Peterson
Planer
Prigge
Provo
Rabe
Reinmuth
Reardon
Roberts
Scheer
Sherman
Smith
Sterling
Stoll
Swanson
Taylor
Thompson
Tomlinson
Tuey
Vannurden
Vogel
Ward
Watson
Wildung
Williams
Workman
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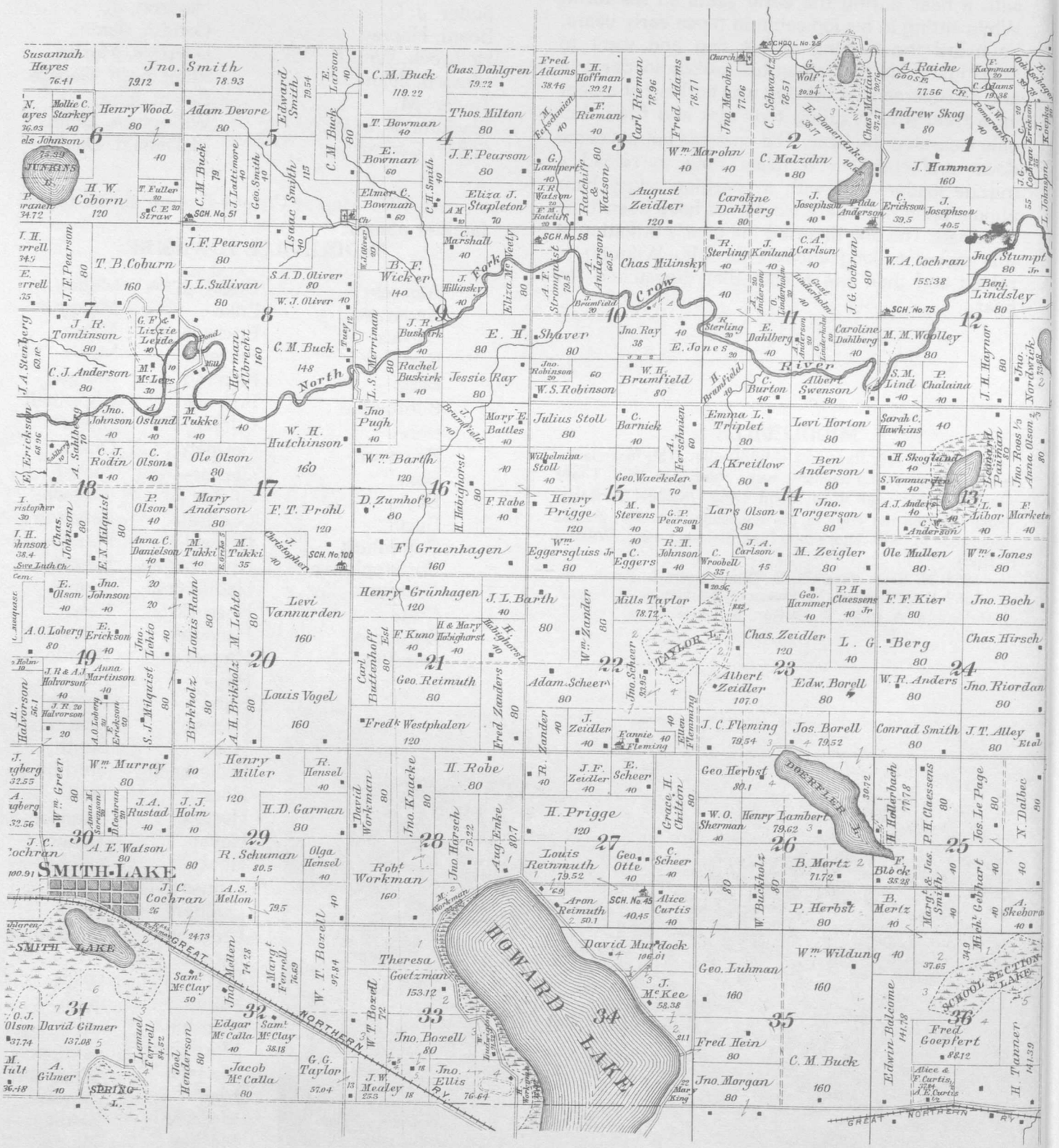
PLAT OF MIDDLEVILLE

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile. Township 119 North. Range 27 West. of the 5th Principal Meridian



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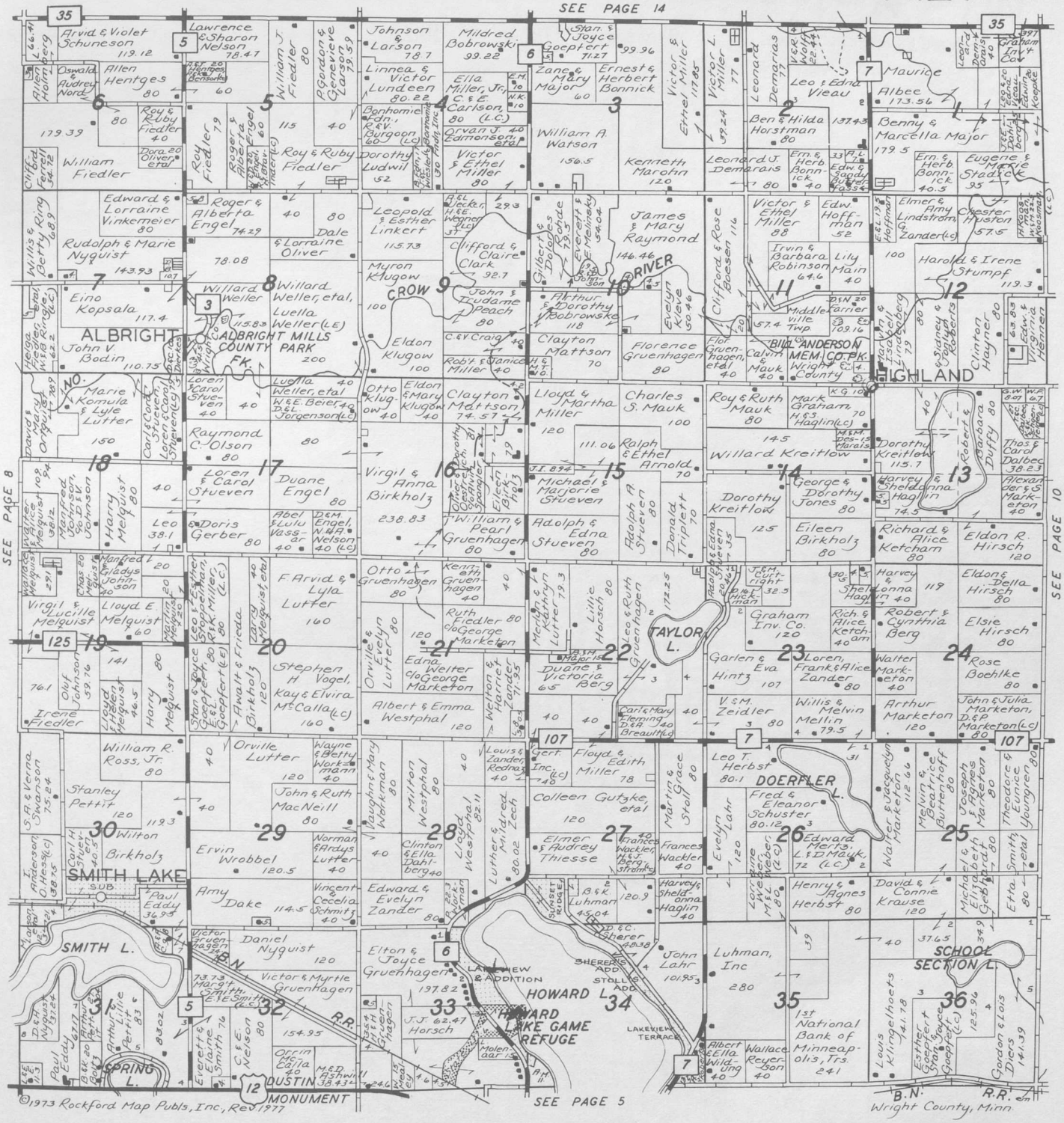

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VICTOR

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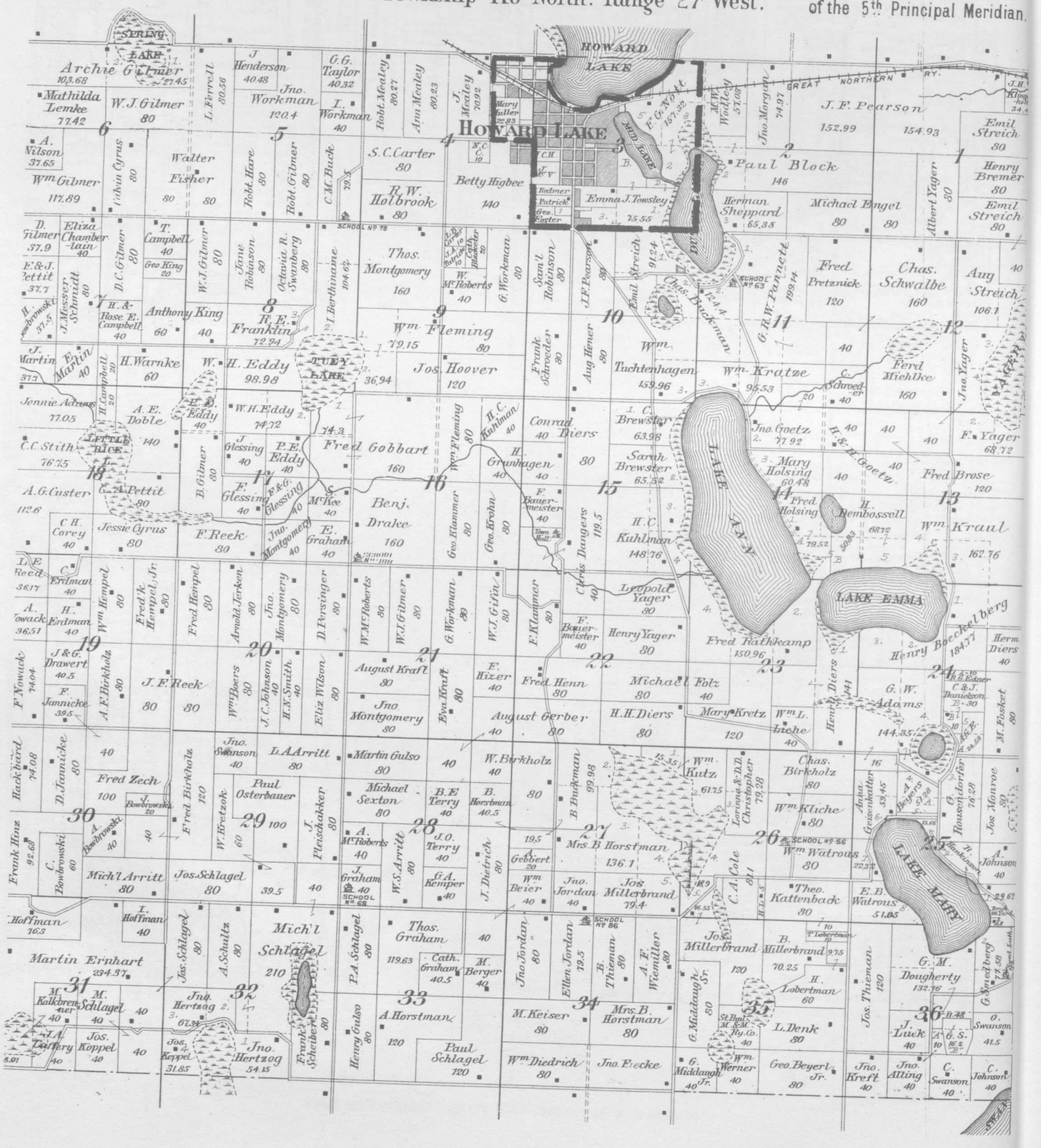

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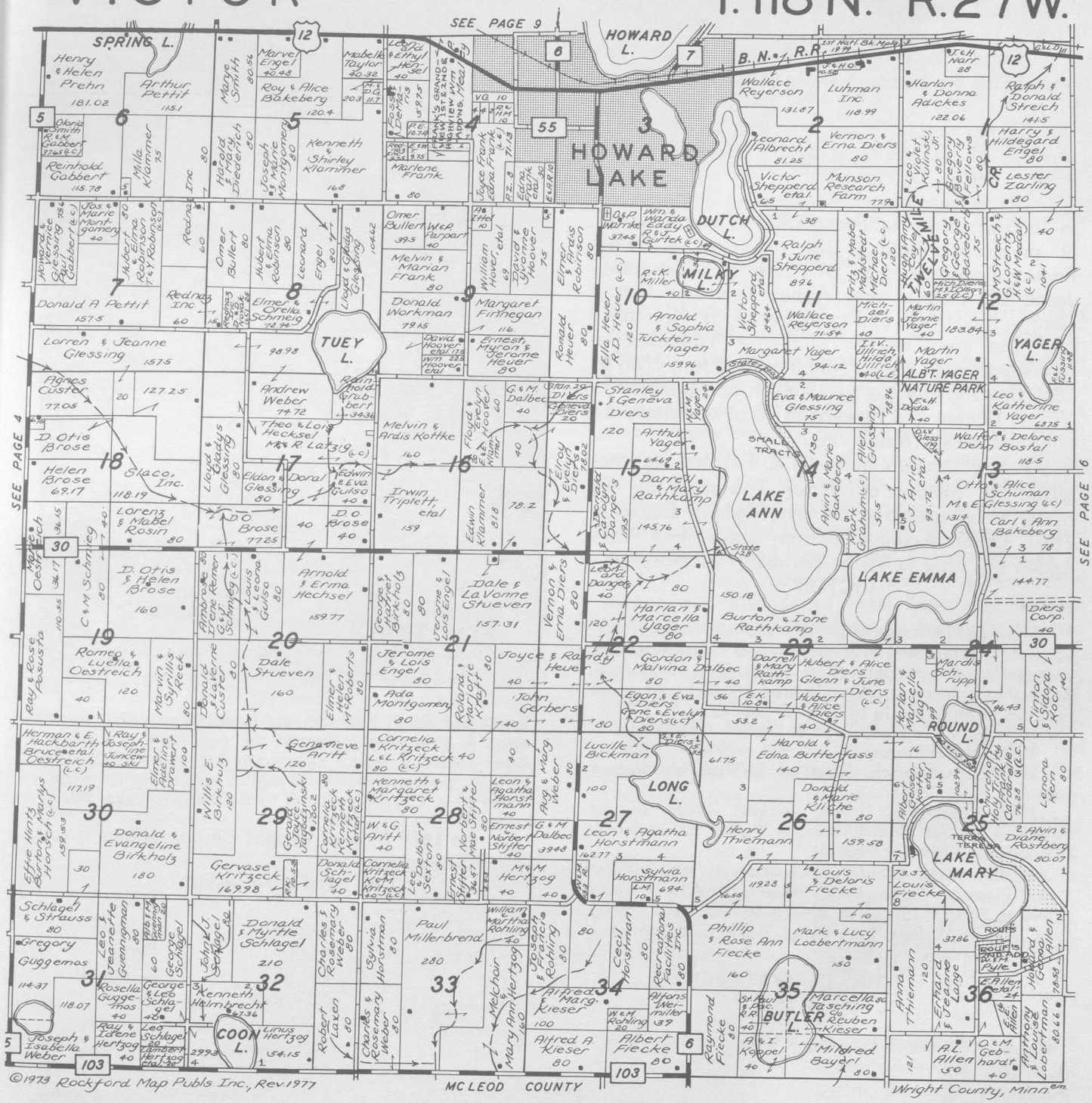


Victor Township, 1977 Wright County Plat Book

VICTOR TOWNSHIP

(Condensed History of Wright County, 1935)

Taxable acres, 20,755.11; valuation, 1934, $427,906.

Victor was given its present name by Mark Fosket in honor of Victor in Ontario county, New York.

Morgan Cochran, the first settler, erected his cabin home on the south shore of Howard Lake in the fall of 1855.

Among the early settlers were Edwin Brewster, A. J. Gardner, John F. Pearson, Mark Fosket, and A. D. Pinkerton.

The present town organization was perfected in 1866 when the following officers were chosen at an election held at the residence of Mark Fosket: Supervisors, A. D. Pinkerton (chairman), Jesse Christopher and Abner Pearson; Clerk, George McKinley, and treasurer, J. B. Nelson.

(The early history of Victor Township is interwoven with that of Middleville. From 1858 to 1866 those townships now known as Middleville, Victor, Cokato and Stockholm were organized as one, and called Middleville.

For reasons unknown D. R. Farnham did not write the history of Victor Township in the material he prepared for The Delano Eagle in 1880. Other accounts written since then have added but little to Victor Township's history).

VICTOR

Township 118, Range 27 (Victor). The first claims in this Congressional township were taken in 1857. Those who filed that year were: J. S. Smith, E. S. Smith, Elias Underwood, Amos J. Gardner. In 1858: Thomas Mitchell, Abraham Freeman, John Lewis. In 1859: A. V. Lobdell.

1860: M. V. Cochran, Jason B. Lobdell, George Holt.

1862: Marcus Fosket.

1865: August Streich, C. Streich, Michael Folz, George Gamble.

1868: Charles S. Graves, Michael Zieser, August Streich, Christoph Streich, Marcus Fosket, David Irons, Gottlieb Gess, Jacob Shaffer.

1869: James Z. Cochran, Michael Engel, Noah Nilson, Peter Pearson, Peter Fritz, Francis Shanley, Edwin Brewster, Sarah E. Brewster, William W. Patterson, Parker Cole, William Walters, Ezra Baker, Aaron Baker, Andrew McCormick, Alanson G. Butler.

LIST OF VOTERS IN TOWNSHIP OF VICTOR — 1867

(History and Business Directory of Wright County — 1867)

Brewster, Ed
Crooks, Thos.
Cochran, James E.
Christopher, Jesse
Crooks, John D.
Foskett, Mark
Gess, Wm.
Burnett, E. C.
Crooks, Isaac
Cress, John
Foly, M.
Frity, Peter
Griswold, Conrad
Gess, Gotlief
Gess, William
Harvey, John
McCormac, A. J.
Nelson, Benj. F.
Nelson, J. B.
Pearson, Abner
Pinkerton, A. B.
Nelson, W. E.
Pearson, J. F.
Pearson, John F.
Goodsell, Wm.
Drons, David
McKinly, George

Edwin and Sarah Brewster, early settlers in Victor Township. A direct descendant of the Mayflower Brewsters, Edwin served in Hatch's Battalion during the Civil War. The battalion protected Minnesota settlers from Indian uprisings. Photo by F. L. Wright, Aristo Finish, Howard Lake, Minn.

An 1879 Map of Wright County shows these familiar names:

VICTOR TOWNSHIP

Adams
Anderson
Aritt
Bakeberg
Bauermeister
Beier
Berthiaume
Birkholz
Brewster
Brose
Campbell
Carter
Chamberlin
Christopher
Cochran
Cole
Corey
Cutts
Cyrus
Dangers
Dedrick
Dehnbostel
Deidrick
Ditmars
Earnhardt
Engel
Fisher
Fitzgerald
Fleming
Fosket
Gerber
Gess
Gilmer
Goetz
Goodsell
Graff
Graham
Greer
Griswold
Gruenhagen
Gulso
Hess
Heuer
Holsing
Johnson
King
Klammer
Kliche

Klingenberg
Klucas
Kraft
Krauel
Kretz
Kritzeck
Kutz
Larson
Lockwood
Massey
McRoberts
Merriman
Miller
Montgomery
Nelson
Pannett
Parker
Patrick
Pearson
Redman
Reek
Riebe
Robinson
Rode
Schimming
Schlagel
Schwalbe
Shepherd
Spindler
Streich
Swanson
Terry
Thompson
Wildung
Winter
Workman
Yager
Zech

Smith Lake Hotel

SMITH LAKE VILLAGE

D. R. Farnham's Wright County History, 1880

Smith Lake Village is located in Section 30; the claim was first taken by Eugen Smith, who located and surveyed the first line of the Railroad in 1858, and gave his name to the lake. Smith did not perfect the title to the land, and in 1865, it was taken as a pre-emption claim by W. P. Holbrook. In July, 1869, the land, about 65 acres, was entered as a townsite and surveyed and platted by W. P. Holbrook and L. W. Perkins. A Depot was built in 1869 and a water tank; at present, it is the principal Station in the County for trains to take wood and water. The first store was established in 1869 by L. W. Perkins; he sold out to L. W. Parks & Co. in 1872. The store in 1874, passed into the hands of Brooks and Co. and has for a number of years been kept by R. M. Morgan, who keeps a large General Store, well stocked, doing a large business; a good Drug Store is kept by John Bennett. The first Hotel was opened in 1869 by L. W. Perkins, and is now kept by Alex. Fashant; also a boarding house by Elijah Doble, one of the old settlers of the Town of Corrinna, who also runs a blacksmith and Wagon Shop. Millinery store by Mrs. Bennett, and dress making by Miss LaSalle; shoe and Boot Shop, L. Watson. The elevator or grain house, capacity 15,000 bushels was built in 1877, by R. M. Morgan, and is owned and run by him. As good roads and bridges connect Smith Lake with the North part of the Town, and also the Town of Albion and French Lake, this is quite an important wheat market, and considerable trade centers here. The steam saw mill of Hindman and Workman is one of the largest and best in the County. James Z. Cochran deals largely in Real Estate, loans money and attends to legal business, besides being engaged extensively in farming; he has spent a large amount of time and money in trying to improve the stock in this part of the County by purchasing blooded cattle and hogs and horses. Altogether, Smith Lake and its generous, wide-awake citizens are a success; one of the old pioneers resides here, Mr. A. E. Cochran; he came into this town in July, 1857, and has been very useful in many ways, in helping for many years to locate claims and assist the early settlers in helping organize the Town, holding at various times almost all of the important Town Offices; besides being Postmaster for many years; with true old Virginia hospitality his latch string was never pulled in; during the hard times and destitution in the early settlement of this Town, all classes and all nationalities found a helping hand, and when all other failed, a home with uncle Aaron and his whole-souled helpmate.

Brock Bros. and Co., Groceries, Smith Lake

G. N. Depot, Smith Lake

Smith Lake School

1915 HISTORY OF WRIGHT COUNTY. Pioneer Discomforts—By Allen Reinmuth, Grandson of George Reinmuth, 1861-1903.

The pioneer development of this part of Minnesota dates from 1852, but the real impetus came in 1856 and 1857, when land in many of the townships was entered at the United States land office. The pioneers who settled in this great wilderness had to face many hardships and nerve-testing ordeals, and the experiences and privations they underwent should be related for the benefit of the countless generations yet unborn who will reap the fruits of the work done by their frontier ancestors and predecessors.

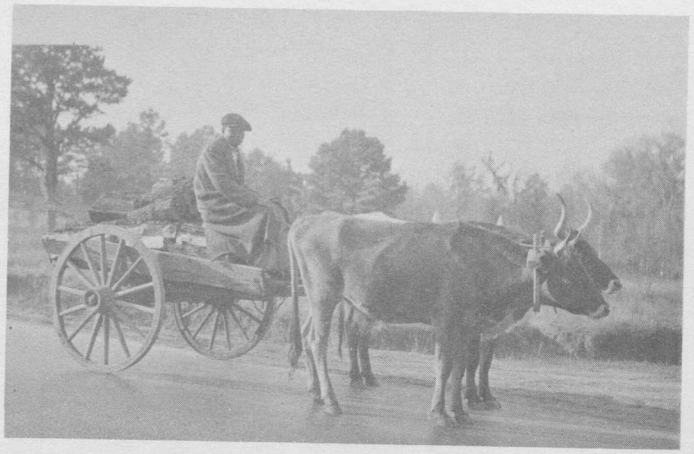
People of the present day, and especially those who have never lived on farms, have no idea of the hardships a farmer encounters in a new country. By the time he has cleared, and paid for, and established a standard model farm, he has used a great deal of vitality, patience and energy.

Especially were difficulties encountered in the wooded portions, such as the "Big Woods," which included most of Wright county, where the timber had to be cleared off before a cabin could be built or a garden planted. The trees were so large and set so close together that a traveler could scarcely see a rod ahead, and in the summer the foliage was so thick that the sky was obscured. Many varieties were represented. such as the red, white and burr oak, hard and soft maple, white and black ash, hickory, basswood, box-elder, red and white elm, ironwood, cottonwood and others. These trees varied in size, the white elm and the white oak being the largest and tallest. One old white oak measured six feet in diameter, and a white elm which is standing today is four feet in diameter and a hundred and twelve feet high. There were only a few maple trees then, but after the great cyclone ruined and tore up by the roots all the large trees, the maples took their place, so that today the oaks and elms are few and the maples predominate.

The clearing away of the forest was no easy task. Saws were unknown, so the work was done with axes. There was no market for wood, and it had to be disposed of. The trees were felled, cut eight or ten feet long, then rolled into large heaps. This was done with the help of oxen when such could be secured, but those that could not afford oxen used wooden hand spikes, a slower and more difficult process. These heaps were then lighted, and since the wood was green and did not burn very readily, the piles had to be re-lighted time and again. The old pioneers, recalling the early clearing of the forest, have regretted many times that timber like oak, maple and ash had to be wasted by burning in such a manner, where today it would demand a good market and a high price. The process of felling trees was hazardous as well as tedious, for many a tree when falling would become lodged in the branches of a nearby tree, which would then have to be chopped also. This was a very dangerous task, for the tree above might shake loose any time and fall and crush the man working beneath. Two acres was all that could be cleared by two men in one winter.

The mosquitoes were plentiful, for the shallow pools were kept from evaporating by the shading forest, and myriads of insects hatched out daily. Screens were unknown, hence very little rest did the pioneers have day or night during the summers of the first few years. After the timber was somewhat cleared away, the pools dried out and the mosquitoes became fewer in number. Some of the early settlers did not have the endurance to keep up the task they had begun, so left, driven away by discomforts in which the mosquitoes were an important factor.

Railroads did not span this country until ten years later. The train service was not as convenient in the early days as it is at the present time. The cars were not ballasted and they often jumped from the track. The engines were small and the grades were steep, hence slow time was made both in passenger and freight service. There were no through freights, and fast mail trains and flyers were not put on until twenty-five years later.



Fred Bauermeister Collection-Driver.

Frank Jacobmeier Saloon (About 1912). Left to right: Jacobmeier, bartender, William Campbell, "Bill" Redmond, boy unknown, unknown, John Weber, and "Bill" Mullen third from right.

Left to right, behind threshing machine, George Ott, Henry Barth, Henry Schimming, Fred Westphal, Sr., Mrs. Fred Rausch (Carrie Vannurden), Mrs. Herman Prigge (Minnie Mueller), Mrs. Bernard Prigge (Mary Mueller). On top and in front of thresher: Frank Habighorst, Joe Boxell, Fred Engel, Louis Hatrick, Albert Luhman, Otto Mueller, Aug. Bechtel, Wm. Mueller, Frank Westphal, Henry Luhman and Gust Engel. On tractor and to right: Julius Stoppelman, Frank Stoppelman, Herman Rabe, and William Bakeberg. Picture was taken about 1896. Altman-Taylor self-steering thresher, first of its type in the vicinity of Howard Lake and Advance-Rumely separator. Herman Rabe, thresher.

The population at that time was small, about one family to four square miles. The only company the families had to break the monotony was the howl of the wolves and the hoot of the owls and nighthawks.

Industry was crude then, for the equipment was meager. Labor was done mostly by hand. Horses were not to be had at that date. The oxen, though very strong, could not be handled like horses for several reasons. They had no bridles, so they could go wherever they pleased, and sometimes they would even run away from their owners. They had not the intelligence horses have, therefore they could not be trained to do all the work horses do.

The early pioneers had crudely constructed shacks built out of logs, about twelve by twenty feet, on an average, in size. These log houses were covered with elm bark for a roof, occasionally limbs and twigs were used. When the weather was dry the roofs did not leak, but when it rained the discomforts were intense. Everything got wet and the only thing to do was to wait until the rain stopped and then dry the clothes and bedding by the fire.

The chimneys were built of wood, plastered on the inside with clay to prevent them from burning, and like those of Lincoln's time, were small at the top and wide at the bottom. They were about six feet square at the bottom and three feet square at the top. Logs cut in suitable lengths were used as fuel, and as they were green a large fire had to be kept up.

There were few matches in those days, so fires were kindled by friction. To do this two dry sticks were rubbed together until they produced a spark, which would be dropped into a pile of sawdust and shavings to ignite them, and the glow induced would then have to be blown into a flame. When matches finally came into use on the farm this disagreeable task was done away with.

Implements of labor were also crude. Most of them were made of wood and progress with these tools was very slow and work could not be done either well or skillfully. The plows were made something like modern potato hillers with a beam, two handles and two braces to hold the handles in position. In the middle of this crude tool was a straight "four by four" with an iron plate one-half inch thick, fastened to the beam by old-fashioned screws. The harrow used was a brush taken from the top part of a maple tree. These harrows were drawn by two yoked oxen and a chain fastened to the yoke and the butt end of the harrow. This kind of a harrow was easily made and could well stand the jerks and jars it was exposed to while dragged over the stumps. The harrow was somewhat effective in smoothing the plowed ground. The cycle half-moon grain-cutter was the tool used to cut the grain. This was swung by one hand and the grain was caught in the other, which was very hard and slow work. As soon as scythes and cradles were invented and purchased the farmers made better time and raised more grain. The threshing in the early days was done by means of a flail. The method of seeding was most interesting, looked at from a present-day viewpoint. There were first placed three sharpened poles ten feet long, a few inches in the ground in a vertical position, and in a straight line with each other across the field. Each stick had a red flag tied to the top of it as a sight to go by. The man had a few sacks of wheat placed conveniently here and there so he could get more seed whenever he needed it. To sow he carried a sack on his side, fastened over his right shoulder. One part of the sack was partly left open so he could reach in and get a handful of wheat. This wheat was scattered to the right and left and in front of him. He would never carry more than a peck of wheat in the sack at one time as more would be too heavy.

The early settlers were very poor. Many had been here but a short time. Land was cheap under the preemption law, only costing about $1.25 per acre. Later, under the homestead law, the United States gave homesteads to any who applied and fulfilled the conditions. All that was required for a man who took a homestead was that he live on it five years, after which he could receive a deed for same. Each homestead had a hundred and sixty acres, except in certain cases (such as the immediate prospect of an adjoining railroad) where conditions made the land of so much higher value that the claims were limited to eighty acres. No man could take more than one homestead. Although the land was cheap, tools and other necessary articles were so high priced that farming was very expensive. The pioneers paid their debts in two ways, first by digging ginseng and secondly by selling the produce they raised.

The climatic conditions were more even and rains came at more regular periods than at present. The temperature was also more equitable, without the great and rapid changes known to the present time. The forest stopped the winds and kept the soil cool by shading it. Owing to those natural conditions the summers were not so extremely hot or the winters so extremely cold.

Aside from a little pork and beef, most of the meat was secured by hunting wild game, which was plentiful in the forest. At that time anyone could shoot all the game that fancy dictated. But now the big game has all departed, and even small game is not plentiful. Fish were also very numerous in the early days, but the number has now been so depleted that there would be little fishing in the county were it not for the thousands of fry supplied by the state and government hatcheries.

But the days of the pioneer are gone. Modern conditions have replaced the days when the early settler lived with his little family in a cabin, painfully cleared his land acre by acre, and often knew what it was to lack for provisions. Now the county is a settled, prosperous area, surrounded on all sides by a high civilization, and with all frontier conditions long since removed.

GINSENG

(1915 History of Wright County [II])
(Experiences of John B. Walker)

When spring of 1859 came on many of the settlers were discouraged and disheartened at the prospects before them. Fearing another visitation of the dreaded pests, the locusts, and not knowing what to do, whether to stick to their homesteads or flee the country (though many of them were not in a position to do the latter), men, women, and children went about barefoot and in rags, there being no opportunity to obtain employment of any kind. Many of the bachelor homesteaders did abandon their claims, or had done so during the winter, when lo and behold! Wright county, "The Big Woods" as it was called, had a savior, a "Moses Invisibilium." We were actually treading on wealth but did not know it. The woods were full of it. Just below the surface of the ground an inch or so, and even between the roots of gigantic oaks as well as the maple or elm saplings, it was everywhere, except in marshy or grassy land.

In May of that year there came to Rockford a well-dressed old gentleman from Virginia. This man was not the Moses, but came to give testimony of the great treasure that was in store for the children of the English, the Irish, the Germans, and the Americans of "The Big Woods." This man's name was Robert Blaine,

The Vannurden family baling hay in 1885. Left to right: George, Ed, Will, Levi Jr., and Levi Vannurden, Sr.

and he was reputed to have a "bag of gold," and he had.

He soon made his business known to us. He was here to buy roots of a certain plant, known as "sang" (ginseng), and he said the people of Virginia had dug it for 40 years and were still digging it. He took men and children into the woods and showed them the plant and tried to induce them to gather it and bring it to him; but for several days he met with nothing but disappointment, for it looked as if his proposition was ridiculous, but gradually the people began to look into the matter. At first, men would sneak into the woods Sundays and look for it, sometimes digging it with their fingers, which was both difficult and wasteful, for often the root would be lost, or at least a part of it. Usually these men would not care to admit that they were out "sanging", and often would take the children out for fun as it were. Often when hurrying through the woods, a man finding a plant would break a branch of a tree or place some mark near it that he later might come with hoe and dig it, and in finding his way to it later, would find many more to dig. It did not take long to discover that the children were better "sangers" than the grown-ups. There was no particular skill required in digging it, but the art of discovering or finding the plant was the main point, and in this, children from about six years of age to sixteen or so were gifted with the art of discovering, or discerning it from thousands of other plants, such as sarsaparilla, young spikenard, wild turnip, ivy and young shoots of trees, such as hickory, maple, elm or oak when they were from eight inches to twelve inches high. But at first children could not venture into the woods alone because of the danger of getting lost, as even grown men got lost occasionally and had to spend the night in the woods. However, it did not take the children long to learn to make their way through the woods as well as the best woodsmen and before two years we had the country for miles around named from the different natural points, such as the deep marsh, the round hill, the big rock, mud lake, Cook's landing, then the abandoned homesteads such as Godfrey's Clearing, Burnside's Clearing.

When Mr. Blaine first began buying ginseng he paid about three to five cents per pound for it, but toward fall he raised the price to six cents, which was considered pretty good. The next spring Mr. Blaine again put in his appearance at Rockford, with his "bag of gold", yes, several of them, and that year the business became general, many of the settlers not waiting to put in their crops, though their clearings (fields) were small. Rockford was the "great headquarters," though sub-agencies were established at Buffalo, Monticello and Kingston (Meeker county).

The name "Gin Seng" is purely Chinese and means "like a man." However, in a thousand pounds of ginseng roots it would be almost impossible to find two or three shaped exactly alike. The root was located from 1 to 4 inches below the surface of the ground. They varied in size according to age, a real good root would be 20 to 30 years old. The age of the root was easily discerned because of a notch for each year's growth at the neck of the root. These notches alternating from one side of the neck to the other side each year. Exposure to the sun and air was very injurious to the roots and besides reduced the weight, so Mr. Blaine instructed his customers to bury it in the ground and keep it moist. This proved a boon to the "sangers", and Mr. Blaine became noted for paying the highest price paid before or since for Wright County Real Estate, for he bought it by the pound, yes by the ton, paying at the rate of three to ten cents per pound for it. At first we were careful when digging not to leave any more clay on the roots

than could be reasonably helped, but after Mr. Blaine's instructions the diggers left as much clay on the roots as they could, and when they came home every evening with their "sang" they buried it and poured water over it and then mixed nice black clay into the mass of roots, thus making it weigh much more, always increasing the amount of mud mixed into each consignment, expecting each time to be "docked for dirt," but never a word from the kindly Mr. Blaine, though often the mud alone outweighed the ginseng.

Little did the people know all this time that Mr. Blaine should have been paying them at the very least from fifty to sixty cents per pound, instead of three to ten cents, which amount he was paying. (At this writing it is about $8.00 per pound). But even at this ridiculously low price the people were satisfied, many of them earning enough to buy cows and oxen, and in some instances paying for their land from the proceeds of their ginseng sales.

The month of September and up to the frost in October was the best time for "sanging," as the leaves were then a beautiful yellowish color and often could be seen several rods distant. But the first frost killed the plant and "sanging" was over for that year. A fair day's work, digging ginseng, ranged from about two to ten pounds for an adult and from about ten to forty pounds for children.

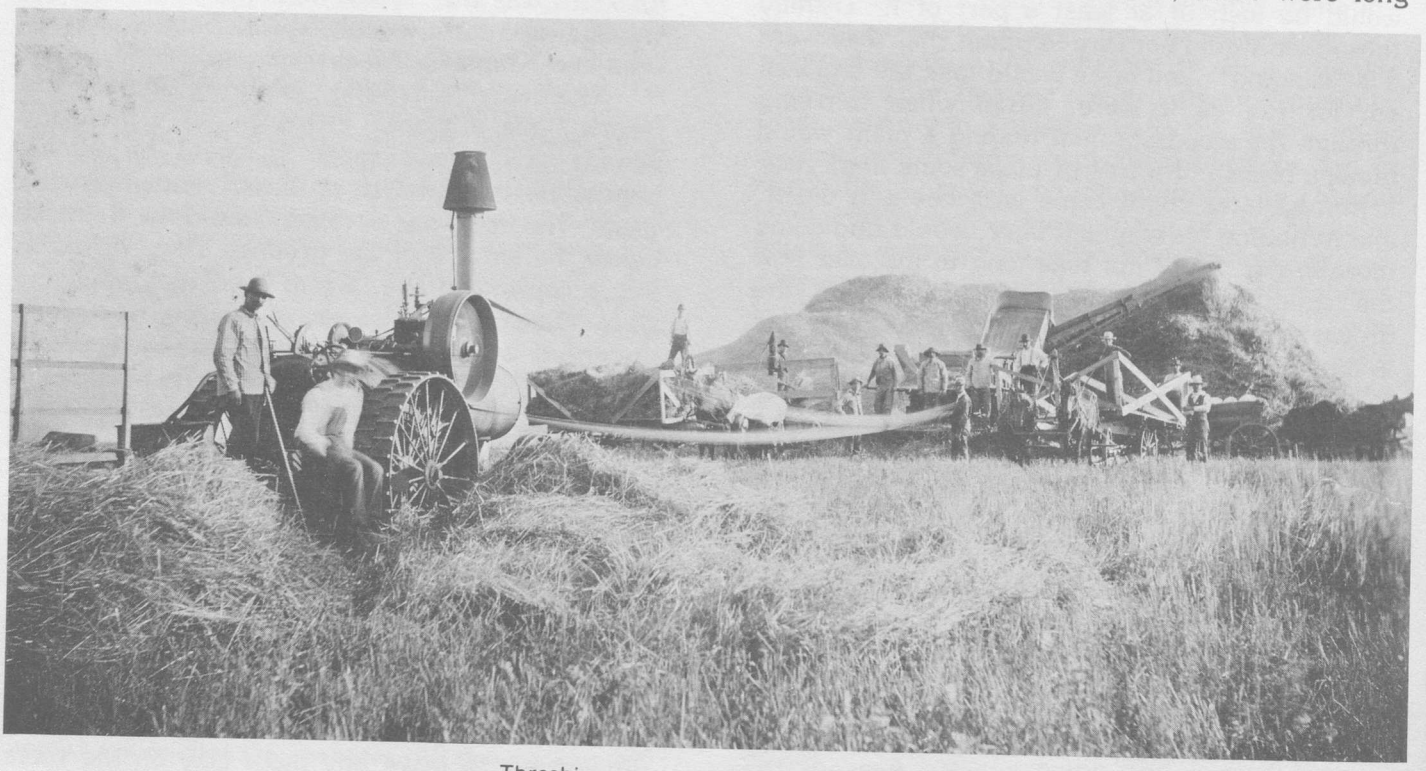
The ginseng business kept on increasing in importance up to 1861, when the Civil War broke out, and that year Mr. Blaine did not come back to Rockford, but the local merchants, Messrs. Ball and Schultis, took up the business in place of Mr. Blaine, and afterwards separated, each conducting a business for himself, which was very beneficial to the people of Wright county in so much as it caused much better prices to be paid for the roots through competition, when they often ran the price up to twenty-five cents a pound (mud and all).

Through all these years and up to 1864 the little plant had no fixed name, though everybody seemed to have a name of his own for it, but everybody knew what everybody meant whenever it was spoken of, by whatever name; but in 1864 several enterprising citizens of Rockford, headed, I believe, by George W. Florida, of Rockford, discovered that its true name was "Gin Seng." "Gin Seng" is of the genus "Panax Quinquefolium," and is used chiefly by the Chinese for purposes unknown to any but themselves. The medical profession denies that it has any medicinal value whatever.

PIONEER SCHOOLS

Condensed History of Wright County, 1935

Pioneer schools were established in the first instance in private homes and later in crudely constructed log buildings, heated in most instances by huge box stoves, with possibly a large iron drum to conserve the heat from the escaping flame and smoke. These pioneer school rooms did not require any modern system of ventilation, and it was usually close to the noon hour before the temperature reached a point where all parts of the room were sufficiently warm to give comfort to the pupils. Due to this fact, there were long



Threshing scene, late 1890's or early 1900's.

RECORDS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING IN 188

Cr. By Disbursements for the year ending July 31st 1888

SUMS PAID OUT. Month.	Day.	No. of Order.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	AMOUNT. Dolls.	Cts.
1887						
July	14th	70	Edwin Brewster	Service as clerk	3.	00
"	"	68	Charles Schwalbe	Service as treasurer	2.	00
"	"	69	H C Kuhlmann	Service as director	3.	00
"	19th	71	Clara T Moore	Teaching school	29.	00
Nov	15th	72	H C Kuhlmann	Chartt & other expenses	23.	30
1888						
Jan	25th	73	Clara T Moore	Teaching school	90.	00
Apr	25th	75	August Streich	Fuel	7.	50
June	1st	75	H C Kuhlmann	Cleaning School House &c	2.	20
June	7th	76	Clara T Moore	Teaching school	30.	00
June	31st		Edwin Brewster	Clerks certificate	4.	40
July	3rd	77	Clara T Moore	Teaching school	30.	00
July	12th	78	Clara T Moore	Teaching school	30.	00
			Clara T Moore	Teaching School		

Records of the school year, ending in 1888.

RECORDS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING IN 1889

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS.

	Dollars.	Cents.
Paid for teachers' wages	165	00
Paid for wood and school supplies	9	50
Paid for repairs and improving grounds	5	60
Paid for new school house sites		
Paid for rent of rooms and sites		
Paid for cancelling bonds or interest on bonds		
Paid for any other purposes	25	41
Total disbursements for the year	$ 205	41
Cash on hand at end of the year	318	13

The cash on hand at the end of the year is applicable to the following purposes, in the following amounts:

TO CURRENT EXPENSES $318.13

TO SPECIFIC PURPOSES $

As follows: To

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To

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To

ACCOUNT BALANCED.

	$	C.		$	C
Cash on hand beginning of the year	76	12	Total disbursements for the year	205	41
Received from all other sources	447	42	Cash on hand at end of the year	318	13
Total receipts for the year	523	54	Total	523	54

C Schwalbe District Treasurer.

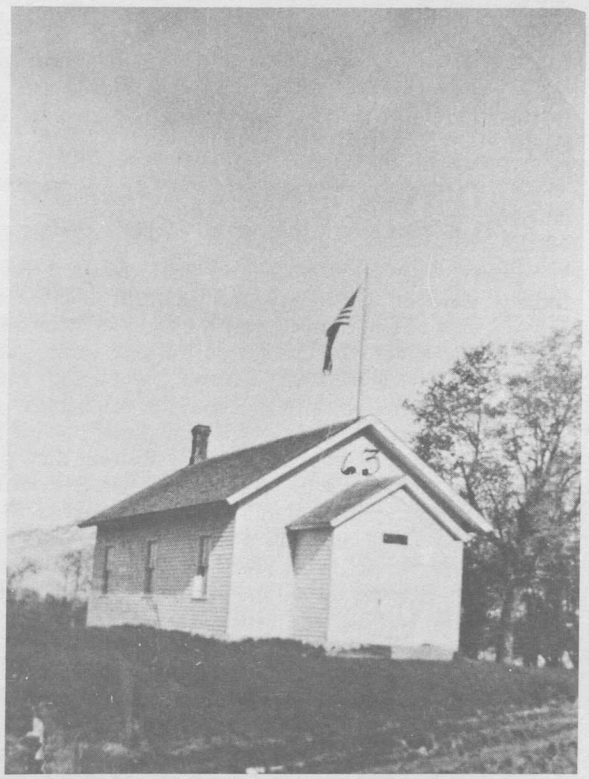
NOTE.—These records and all orders paid during the year should be placed in the hands of the auditing committee at or before the annual meeting, with the treasurers' annual report to be examined, and if correct, approved. This committee is the director and clerk. The annual report of the treasurer to the clerk, made from these records, should be presented at least three days before the annual meeting. *The fine for neglecting this duty is ten dollars.*

Summary of school Disbursements, year ending in 1889.

benches placed about the stove where the pupils seated themselves during the early hours of the morning. The furniture was made by some local carpenter from lumber secured from the crude saw mills of the period. The teacher was expected to serve as janitor, but in some cases, hired some boy living near the school house to build the fires. If the teacher found favor with the older girls, they rendered voluntary assistance in cleaning the floors and desks and in some instances, the windows.

This type of school existed as late as the early eighties, when frame buildings were constructed, and in many of the more flourishing villages, well graded schools were established and modern school furniture was installed. In some instances there were schools of two, three and four departments.

The average monthly compensation of teachers in the rural schools during the school year 1934-35 was $69.72. The highest salaried teacher received $125, and the lowest $40.



Dutch Lake School, now Alvin Bakeberg's home.

Vannurden School, 1912. Front row, left to right: Gus Vogel, Leonard Sarenpa, Ervin Bobrowske, Edwin Gruenhagen, Arthur Birkholz, Amanda Vogel, Esther Pugh, Agnes Zander, Loma Murray, Harriet Murray, Frances Stoppelman. Middle row, l. to r.: Herman Vogel, Awalt Birkholz, Ernest Vogel, Irwin Zander, Alfred Sarenpa, Ed Westphal, Walter Sarenpa, Minnie Klucas, Sarah Barth, Louella Stoppelman, Eva Birkholz, Mathilda Barth, Sadie Stoppelman. Back row, l. to r.: Albert Westphal, Oscar Worrath, Amelia Birkholz, Erna Hensel, Ella Beier, Della Prohl, Fanny Day, Teacher.

THE DUSTIN FAMILY

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Mrs. Jeannette Dustin, a widow, came to Minnesota in the spring of 1857, from New York. The family consisted of four sons, Amos Dustin, Nathan M. Dustin, Timothy Dustin and Dallas Dustin, the youngest about 16 years old, and two daughters, one the wife of Amos D. Kingsley, and Belle Dustin, about 12 years old. They took a pre-emption claim on the Southeast quarter of Section 24, Township No. 119 of Range 26, in the present town of Marysville, near the Franklin Town line, which they improved and occupied until the summer of 1863, when they sold out to Mr. David Beatle. The farm is now owned and occupied by Joseph Bland.

THE DUSTIN FAMILY MASSACRE

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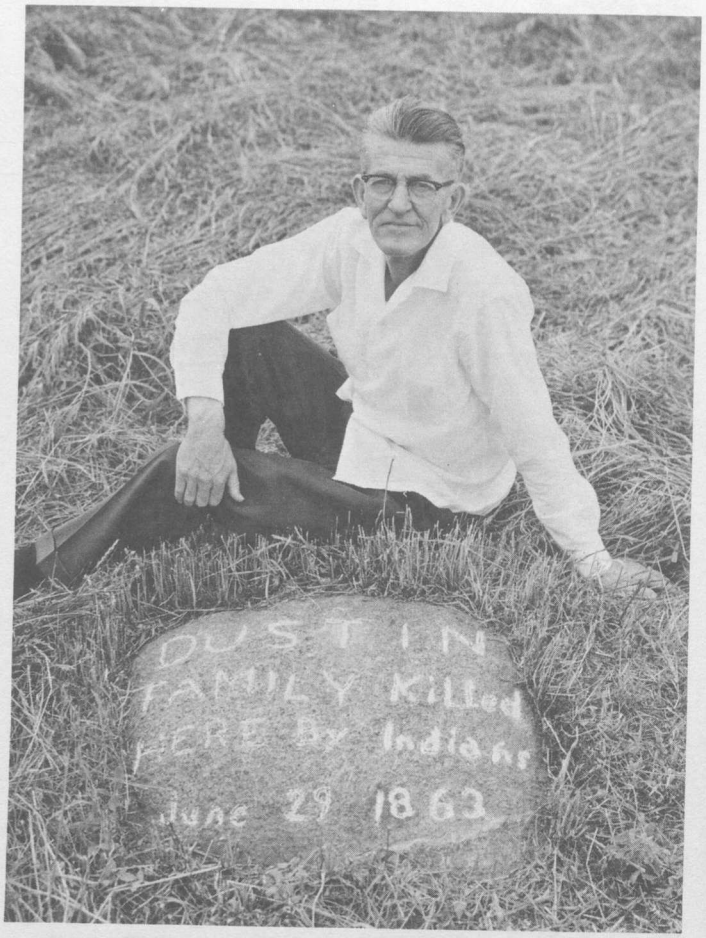
During the years 1858 and 1859, several bands of Indians were in the county and amongst them Medicine Bottle's band. They camped near the Dustins, near the north fork of Crow River, the greater part of one winter, and had considerable trade with the Dustins, by buying grain and flour and other eatables, and it may be drinkables, and by selling moccasins, skins, furs and a couple of ponies. During the early summer of 1863, the Dustins sold out their place to Mr. Beatle, and the boys went up to Mooers Prairie, now Stockholm, and took a claim in the south part of the town near Collinwood. They built a house, and two of the boys stayed there, while Amos went to their former home in Marysville, to bring up his mother, Mrs. Jeannette Dustin, age 54 years, and his wife Mrs. Kate Miller Dustin, age 24 years; also three children, Almeda Dustin, age 6 years, Robert Dustin, age 4 years, and Leon Dustin, aged 2 years. They started from their old home on the morning of the 29th of June, 1863, with their household goods and chattels, six persons in all, with a yoke of oxen and a wagon, for their new home in Stockholm. They went by the way of Waverly, and about noon stopped for a short time at the house of Aaron E. Cochran, on the Northwest quarter of Section 2,



Allen Narverud, member of the Planning Committee for placing of marker on Highway 12 commemorating Dustin Massacre.

now in the town of Victor, and owned and occupied by Joseph Pearson. They travelled west on the old Mooers Prairie road, which ran south of Smith Lake. When they were about two and a half miles west of what is now the Village of Howard Lake and near the East end of Smith Lake, and all of them riding in the wagon, five Indians suddenly made their appearance; they were painted nearly black, with black streaks all over their faces, and were dressed in black rubber coats, and no blankets. How they happened to wear rubber coats is explained by the fact that the previous year the same band had assisted in plundering the stores at the upper agency on the Minnesota River. Or Mrs. Kate Dustin and the little girl might have been mistaken in the dress of the Indians; they might possibly have not had on any clothing, or at least no coats, but both said that the Indians had on shining coats like rubber. The Indians ran along on each side of the oxen for several rods and seemed to hurry up the team. The wagon ran over a log by the side of the road and the oxen were nearly on a run, as the tail board of the wagon was found in the road about four rods from where the wagon stopped. In hurrying the oxen they went out of the road and one of the forward wheels striking a small tree the wagon tongue was broken and the oxen went into the woods. The Indians who were armed with bows and arrows, war clubs and knives, but no guns or pistols, commenced the work of slaughter by shooting several arrows at Amos Dustin. One Indian with a war club, or as Kate Dustin said, an iron bludgeon, struck him several times, making horrible wounds, and he was dead in a very short time. In the meantime, the other Indians had cut off the hands of Mrs. Jeanette Dustin, and with one blow with a large knife cut off her nose and lips. They then shot her with several arrows. The little girl had dropped down under the seat when the shooting commenced, and her father's body falling partly over her, the savages did not see her, or at least did not take any notice of her. The four year old boy gave a loud wild scream when his father was first struck, and the Indians shot an arrow completely through him, killing him instantly. At the same time Mrs. Kate Dustin uttered a cry of terror, when an Indian who was behind the wagon, shot her in the back, the arrow going through the body, the point of the arrow head projecting about half an inch below the breast bone where it remained. Two of the savages then took her out of the wagon and beat her with a hickory stick, striking her many blows. They took the youngest boy out of the wagon and tossed him into a bunch or thicket of nettles beside the road. They then took the bed clothes and some groceries and provisions. They cut open the feather bed, emptied out the feathers and took the tick. While this was going on one of the savages cut the old lady in a horrible manner, taking out her heart and putting it on the end of a stick.

The Indians then went up the road and Mrs. Kate Dustin was left with her two children, wounded in the shoulder by an arrow that could not be removed, and that other fatal arrow through her body, her little girl covered with her father's blood and nearly dead from fright. What was to be done? With tottering steps, with her two children, she started to go back to Cochran's covered with blood and suffering intense pain, with the mosquitoes so thick she could scarcely see. It is no wonder that when it became dark (as it was late in the afternoon when the murder took place) she should lose the road and wander away, and at last after spending most of the night in a hopeless attempt to find the road, lay down to die.

The oxen returned to Mr. Cochran's near night, and he supposing the Dustin's had turned them out to feed, and they had run away, put them into his yard, supposing that Mr. Dustin would come for them in a short time. But the next morning as he had some business at Waverly, he started very early and told Mr. A. D. Kingsley and Henry Lammers that Dustin's oxen had come back the night before, and that they had better go out to Mooers Prairie and see what was the matter. For a while they did not think it was necessary, as the oxen had probably strayed away. But after talking the matter over, the idea of mischief by Indians was suggested, and the three started. They took dinner at Cochran's and about two o'clock in the afternoon started out to look for the Dustins. When about a mile west of the Goodsell place, now in the Village of Howard Lake, Mr. Cochran called the attention of the others to the grass around the foot of a large oak tree beside the road, where several persons must have recently been sitting with their backs to the tree; and while they were looking at it, the best (bent) grass was springing back to its place showing conclusively that whoever they were, they had left but a few minutes before. The first exclamation of Cochran was Indians; the others thought it might be hunters, travelers or some wild beasts. But they passed along the road only a short distance, where the road had been washed by recent rains, and there in the sand was the unmistakable sign, the moccasin track, one following the other. Very few men in the career of a long and eventful life can possibly occupy a more dangerous and critical position than these three men did at this moment. Knowing as they did, all the habits and customs of the wily savage when on the warpath. They did not know the number of the savages it is true, but they had every reason to believe it was a large party, and at that moment the deadly rifle might be pointed at each of them. An unseen and certain foe is infinitely more to be feared than a host of enemies in sight. To proceed seemed certain death, to retreat was not much better, and as they stood there for a few moments in silence, a low moan or wail came from the south, and again the moan was heard. One said that it was a human voice; another said, it is a bird; another said, it is a sound made by the Indians to lead us into the thick brush around the meadow. Again the moan was heard a little louder than before, borne to their ears by a fresh breeze from the south. "That is a human voice," said Mr. Cochran, "and I am going to see who it is." And with his rifle cocked by his side, and with the cautious agility and soft step of a cat, he started directly towards the sound. Lammers and Kingsley went along the road about 50 rods, then having concluded that it was a human voice, they followed. Cochran, after dodging from tree to tree, and watching every motion and sound, came in sight of the meadow. Fifty or sixty rods from the road across the meadow he discovered something moving in the tall grass, which after careful watching for some time, he found to be the heads of two children, running up and down in the tall grass, a few rods from the timber. His first thought was that the children had been placed in the open meadow by the Indians as a decoy, and that they were watching for any one who would go to them. But after waiting for a few minutes and seeing nothing of Indians, he concluded to work his way carefully around the head of the meadow where the children were. He kept his eyes steadily on them and was making his way around the meadow, when he came within a few feet of Mrs. Kate Dustin, in almost unconscious state, lying on the ground covered with blood, and the warm weather of 24 hours had rendered her a sickening sight. She was unable to move, and could only say, "they are all killed in the wagon by the Indians." Mr. Lammers and Mr. Kingsley were called, and while Mr. Kingsley went to Cochran's for his oxen and wagon, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Lammer took her up carefully and carried her out to the road, and when the team came, took her with the children to Cochran's house. One man was immediately sent to Watertown, and another to Rockford, to give the alarm, and also to get a doctor and help. Aaron E. Cochran and A. G. Sexton started for Mooers Prairie by the way of Cokato Mills, to notify the settlers that the Indians were on the war path in the big woods.

The messenger arrived in Rockford at about 12 o'clock at night. Mr. John Knights was called up, and he

immediately went to work and by sunrise the next morning was ready to start for Smith Lake. Mr. G. F. Ames went with his team, Dr. J. S. Richardson, John Woodward, Miner W. Shultes, Wesley Powers, Jason Edgar, J. R. Ames, N. D. Sperry, Wm. Rutherford, Martin Bisky, Sr., Moses Ripley and others started for the scene of the massacre.

At Waverly they met the people from Watertown. On arriving at the place, the bodies were taken from the wagon and placed in roughly made coffins, and conveyed to Waverly where they now lie buried. Mr. G. F. Ames went to Mooers Prairie and assisted in removing the settlers to Rockford with all their household effects and cattle.

Mrs. Kate Dustin had received a fatal wound, and although she received the best care at Mr. Cochran's and the best medical attention, she died on the morning of July 3rd, and was buried with the others of the family at Waverly. Nathan M. Dustin died in 1864 near Waverly, Dallas Dustin is in Colorado, Timothy Dustin and Belle, live near Waverly. The little girl was adopted by Mrs. Parker of East Minneapolis, and is now married and resides in Minneapolis. The little boy who was thrown into the nettles, is now a clerk in a store in Minneapolis.

The camp of the Indians was found about three quarters of a mile south of where the Dustin family were killed. From all appearances they had stopped there several days, and there were fourteen of them, and they were seen on the shore of Howard Lake to the same number. Also on the same day they were seen near the old Dustin farm, and there were fourteen of them.

They had only one horse and were probably looking after horses, as they had lost nearly all of their ponies the previous year.

RAILROAD

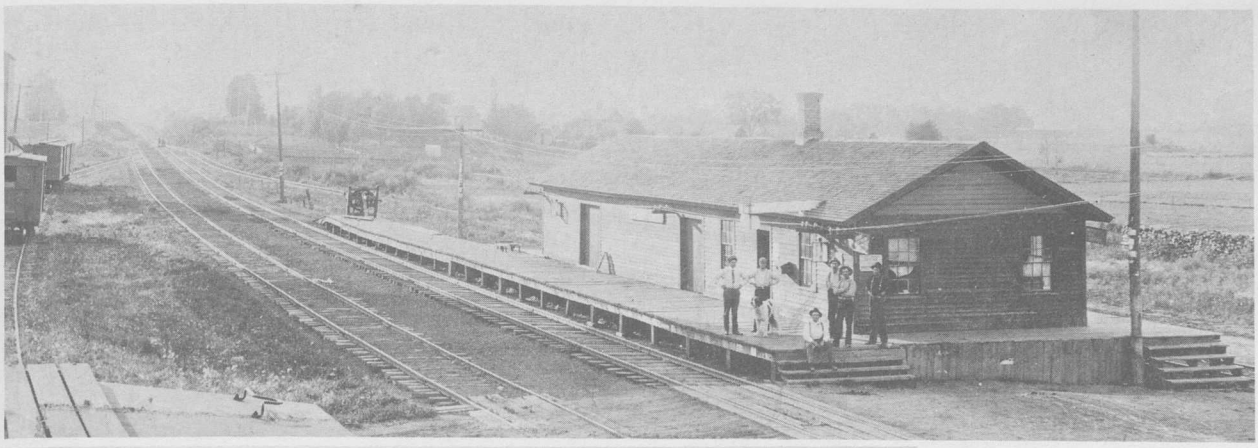
The right of way through the Big Woods was cut in the winter of 1866-67. The St. Paul & Pacific Railroad was completed to Wayzata, twenty-five miles, in 1867; to Delano, in Wright county, in October, 1868; to Cokato in July, 1869; then beyond the county and to Willmar later in the year. Breckenridge, on the Red River of the North, two hundred and seventeen miles from St. Paul, was reached in October, 1871.

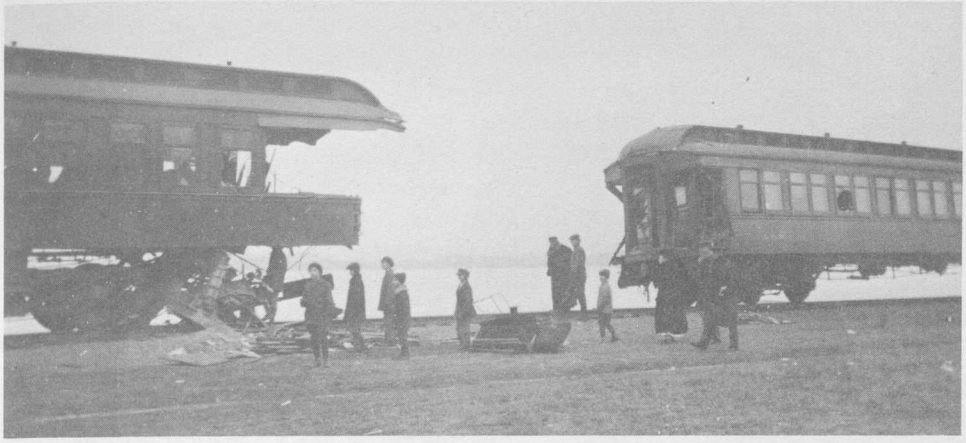
Foreclosure decrees were entered against the company in May, 1879, and the St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Manitoba Railway Company was formed.

The Great Northern Railway Company organized in 1889, leased the lines of this company in February, 1890 and took over the charter of the Minneapolis and St. Cloud Railway Company. This line is now known as the Burlington Northern.

Great Northern Depot at Howard Lake (1905-1906), left to right: Rick Van Nurden, Hattie Rausch, Mrs. LeMunyan, Carrie Rausch and Edwin Rausch.

Below, left to right: Otto Peter, Telegrapher, Charlie Anderson, Agent, A. Moffat, George Wright, Dave Bowers, Drayman, Louis Haas, "Red" Jestus, Russell Jestus, Alf. (Pete) Yager, Allen Narverud and "Doc" Jestus, Teamster.





Top Photo: Old Great Northern Depot, probably about 1907-1908.

Center Photos: Great Northern train wreck, 11:40 passenger and freight, December 17, 1918.

Bottom Photo: Italian laborers working on straightening out the tracks, 1907-1908.

Great Northern Depot, Howard Lake.

WRIGHT COUNTY FAIR

(From Story of the Fair, Wright County, 1869-1893)

The first fair in Wright County was held in Rockford in 1861 as an off-shoot of the Crow River Agricultural Society. It continued, apparently successfully, until 1869 when it was superseded by the Wright County Agricultural Society with a first meeting in Buffalo on January 18, 1870.

The Fair was held at Monticello from 1870-1873; in Rockford in 1874-1875; in Buffalo from 1876-1879; in Rockford again in 1880-1882; and from 1883 to the present time in Howard Lake.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wright County Agricultural Society was held at Delano in June, 1883, for the purpose of opening bids for the location of the fair. The next fair was held at Howard Lake as the people of that town subscribed over $500.00, which was the highest bid.

The grandstand was originally the property of the G.A.R. Post, and later Mr. T. R. Briggs bought in all the stock and became the owner. He sold it to the Wright County Agricultural Society in 1893 and it became a new source of revenue, adding about $100 per year to the receipts. The building was enlarged by extending the seats through the dance hall on the north, so it could comfortably seat many more people.

Plans were made for the main building and exhibitors booked early in the season, an entirely new procedure. Usually no exhibitors had been secured until the opening day, when a few local businessmen were induced to hustle over some goods and make a showing. In 1893, the space had all been engaged a month before the fair opened.

Never had the executive committee of the Wright County Agricultural Society been so untiring in its efforts to make the fair in every way successful. An early start was made, and the first move was to put the track in good condition for trotting. It has always been too hard for driving a good horse at his utmost speed without injury, but last spring it was heavily manured and plowed. This made the track springy and as near like a sod track as possible. Getting it in good condition is not only better for the races during the fair, but it has added to the horses for the entry, as there has been a great deal more work on it this spring. The friendly ''scraps'' last summer stirred up interest in racing which induced the purchase of new horses and developed many which never would have been known otherwise. . . .

Aerial view of Wright County Fairgrounds.

Wright County Fair, early 1900's.

May 8, 1890

The Howard Lake Herald celebrates its fourteenth birthday with an ink sketch on a pleasant theme.

A stub-pen photo of some of the men, enterprises and resources that make the town and its progress.

The Village Took Form

in 1869, when the railroad appeared and Chas. Goodsell, who became possessor of the Cochran homestead in 1863, platted a portion of his farm as a considerable part of the present townsite. Stores, a hotel, lumber and grist mill, flocked in. It was in 1879 that the village sought incorporation, and temperance was established. In that year also came two elevators, and with the "People's Advocate" which found birth as the "Howard Lake Union" three years earlier, a stave factory, four churches, Masonic Lodge, Grange, school of four departments, and a mayor and board of aldermen, Howard was a full-fledged city. The first village officers were: president, C. E. Carter; trustees, Chas. Goodsell, Jonathan Smith, J. F. Pearson; treasurer, H. E. Jones; justice, F. E. Latham; recorder, Eugene Johnston; constable, C. W. Fogle.

Howard Lake Eleven Years Later

shows marked advances. The main enterprises may be briefly catalogued as follows: seven general mercantile houses, seven churches, two hardware firms, two hotels, two livery stables, two elevators, two drug stores, two fruit and shade tree nurseries, two schools, two millinery stands, two shoe shops, two jewelry stores, three blacksmith shops, three law offices, four physicians' offices, a bank, meat market, furniture store, feed store, lumber yard, restaurant, barber shop, harness store, paint shop, wagon shop, pension office, real estate office, insurance office, photography gallery, apiary, horse farm, saw mill, cheese factory, roller flour mill, county fair grounds, and the Howard Lake Herald. Ten carpenters, two painters and two masons attend to the building wants; four dressmakers attend the feminine wardrobe; one hall and the various church buildings accommodate public lectures and entertainments; two groves invite celebrations and picnics; and one of the most beautiful and well kept cemeteries for many a mile awaits as the final place of rest. The village council, school board, health board, board of trade, G.A.R. Post, Woman's Relief Corps, cemetery association, W.C.T.U., union temperance society, and the various church and school societies, represent the organizations which work the civil, educational, industrial, moral and patriotic machinery, and keep the town in the path of progress.

250,000 Bushels of No. 1

Northern wheat have been received at the two elevators and roller mill of Howard Lake during the past ten months, and tell the story of the agricultural backing which makes the town and its trade. Notwithstanding the fact that wheat is by no means the exclusive agricultural product of

this vicinity, and that the farmers hereabout make diversified industry their aim, Howard is easily among the first wheat stations along the Great Northern railway. Although the wheat grades "Northern", it brings within one cent of the market price for "No. 1 hard". The secret of the immense crop that has been marketed during the year is not the amount of acreage, but the heavy yield per acre. When we consider that the average wheat crop of the townships of Victor and Middleville the past season was over 25 bushels per acre, that fields which had been cropped twenty years yielded 30 bushels and over, and that a few fields were noted with a yield of 40 bushels per acre, it is easy to understand where the wheat comes from. These crops have been produced in a district where dairying and stock-raising are prominent industries. As an illustration of the fact of the financial prosperity of the farming population in this vicinity, may be mentioned the fact that the county treasurer, during his last tax-collecting trip, gathered at Howard Lake by far the largest sum on his month's tour; in fact, as much as the combined collections from a half dozen towns in good, but poorer, districts. Let the remainder of the tale be told in the following brief sketches of men and enterprises —

The Howard Lake Cheese Factory

is the most recent addition to Howard Lake enterprise. The building is just completed, and with the latest improved machinery — some of it patented as late as April 15, 1890 — now stands ready to commence operations. Messrs. Armstrong & Tompkins, proprietors, are recently from the famed cheese district in Ontario, Canada, and have received thorough knowledge and experience in cheese manufacture. Chas. Tompkins, the cheese expert of the firm, has held position as foreman in large cheesemaking establishments for the past eight years. On the arrival of the farmers cans, which are expected today, the factory will commence operations with the milk of 400 cows. The milk is supplied and the cheese sold on a co-operative plan, the farmers transacting the business themselves and paying the factory so much for the manufacturing. They are now offered by wholesale houses from 11 to 12 cents for their cheese. As milk yields two and one-half pounds of cheese to one pound of butter, farmers will get in cheese an equivalent of from 27 to 30 cents for their butter, which is more than double present butter prices which farmers can obtain. At the present rate of applications from farmers, the factory will soon be supplied with all the milk which it can handle.

The Howard Lake Roller Mill

was built in the fall of 1887. C. W. Bonniwell, its proprietor, is an old and experienced miller, one of the best in the State, having been in the business 25 years, and built in all four grist mills and one saw mill. The Howard mill has a daily capacity of something over 100 barrels and keeps busy four men. Its regular daily run during the past year has been 12 hours. Upwards of 40,000 bushels of wheat for the local custom trade have in that time been ground and above 20,000 barrels of "Bonniwell's Best" and "Bonniwell's Straight" have been shipped for the merchant trade. One contract was to furnish 1000 barrels to a New York dealer. A large deal is now being opened with St. Paul contractors. The mill makes it a business to put before customers every brand of ground stuff that can be made from grain. It is by far the largest and most complete milling plant in the county, and will compare favorably with any between Minneapolis and Fargo.

The Howard Lake Nursery

was established by its present proprietor, E. J. Cutts, about 1885. Its present acreage is 21 acres, which keeps busy during the growing season from four to five men on the farm, and about the same number on the road, taking orders and delivering stock.

The Wright County Nursery

is the property of C. W. Taylor and has been established a little over three years. Previously he had been engaged in the tree business on the western prairies some ten or a dozen years. His business in forest trees is very extensive, the total stock to be shipped this season being 2,000,000 young trees. Small fruit, apples, evergreens, ornamental and flowering shrubs are also on his nursery list. Besides his nursery business, which now keeps busy some five or six men at points of delivery, Mr. Taylor is the proprietor of a considerable mercantile establishment in shelf hardware, notions and confectionery, and will shortly add to West Howard a second business building.

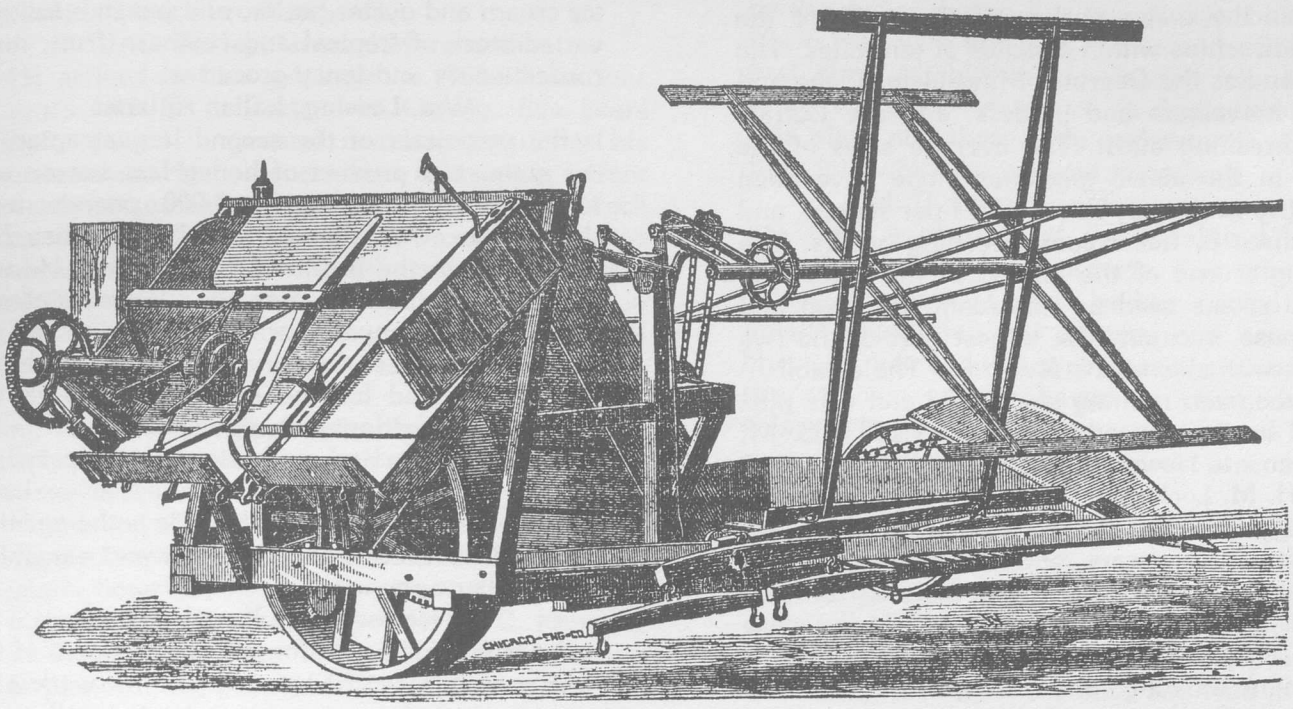
The Howard Lake Horse Farm

is the promising enterprise recently stocked and started by Johnston Mealey, one of the town's wealthiest farmers. The farm contains 200 acres of tillable soil and meadow, is equipped with buildings of the most approved style of modern farm architecture, and has stable room for nearly 100 head of horses and cattle. Norman Percheron horses are Mr. Mealey's specialty, of which the farm carries twelve registered animals, seven of which were imported.

C. M. Buck, Hardware and Machinery

The hardware house under the above proprietorship is one of the largest mercantile concerns in this part of the county. In its special line, general hardware and farm machinery, it undoubtedly carries the largest stock in the county, and as large a stock as there is carried on the Breckenridge and Minneapolis branch of the Great Nor-

ALEXANDER McLACHLAN,



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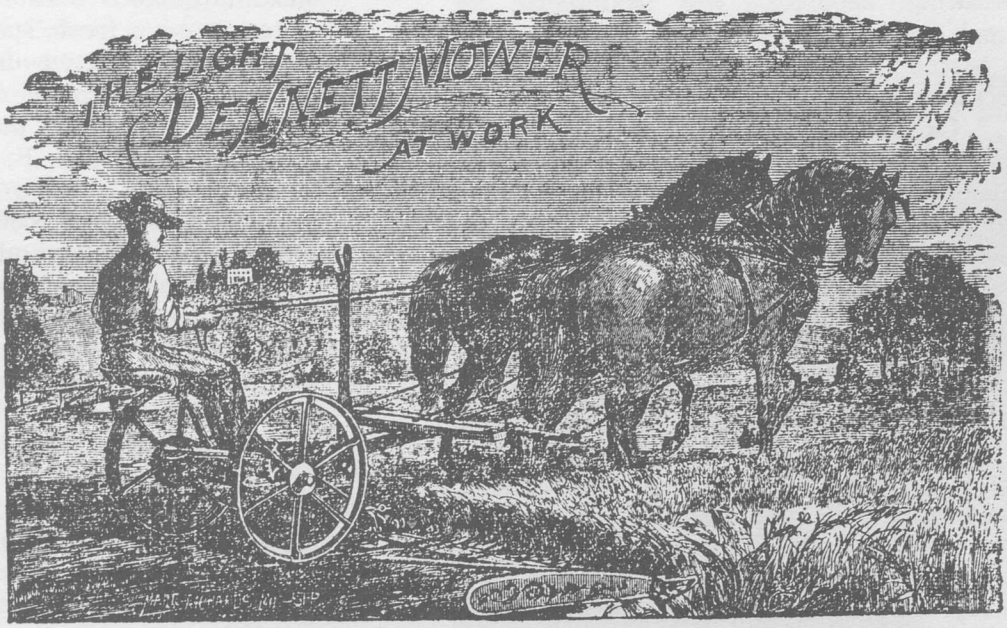

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Farm Machinery and Drug Advertisements in the Howard Lake Herald, August 2, 1883.

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thern railway. The establishment keeps busy from two to four men, besides the proprietor, and supplies the major portion of the trade of the eight townships within a radius of ten miles. The firm handles the Deering, Milwaukee, Plano and Wood harvesters and binders, and the Buffalo Pitts threshing outfit. The average sales of the house in the above machines alone have been from fifty to seventy-five binders per season, and from three to five steam threshing outfits. The building is one of the largest in the place; the several rooms used as salesroom, tin shop and warehouse, occuping the largest part of the two stories, with about sixty feet front. The establishment has been running since 1872 and was purchased by its present proprietor in 1883. C. M. Buck came to Howard Lake as a lad 18 years ago.

H. M. Lockwood, Saw Mill Proprietor

has just completed sawing 250,000 feet of hard wood at his temporary mill at the lake bay. The mill, in its present shape, has a capacity of 4,000 feet per day and employs four men. At the close of the season Mr. Lockwood proposes to erect a permanent building, and enlarge his plant and manufacturing capacity. The abundance of maple, oak, ash, elm and basswood timber in the county surrounding, promises to make lumber manufacture a prominent industry.

Carl Luhmann, Lumber Dealer

started his present business in the winter of 1885. The business has grown until three lots, 125 feet of shed room, a large new warehouse and office are now required for the handling of his heavy and varied stock. Upwards of 150,000 feet of lumber are now in the yard. The yard has been supplied during the past thirty days, lumber for some twenty-five or thirty buildings constructed in this place and vicinity. Besides the lumber stock, which is one of the largest along the line, Luhmann carries a full supply of general building materials, brick nails, paper and also pumps and windmills, the Osborne binder and New Home sewing machine and a general stock of farm machinery. Two men are constantly kept busy, besides extra help in unloading cars and delivering.

H. Smith, General Merchandise

Mr. Smith, after seven years business experience, came to Howard Lake in September, 1888 and started with a light stock of groceries and dry goods at his present stand on the corner of Market Street.

A. J. Milton, Fruit and Confectionery

Coming with the Ohio pilgrimage in '83, the above gentleman followed various business pursuits, in the hotel, grocery and livery line, until two years ago, meantime discovering for himself a wife and home. In the spring of 1888, he purchased the Pioneer Fruit and Confectionery establishment of this place, a stand that had passed through a dozen years of existence and as many hands, refitted and furnished it, added an ice cream and oyster parlor, and put in a full and varied stock of tropical and northern fruit, nuts, confectionery and fancy groceries.

Wm. Lossing, Italian Apiarist

is the proprietor of the second largest apiary in the state. His product of honey last season was 12,000 pounds, of which 8,000 pounds were shipped to other points. Mr. Lossing has had experience in the business for 13 years. He was one of six competitors from six different states in the Union to compete for the Iowa prize for the best Italian queen and progeny in the United States, and tied for the second place with the leading Missouri apiarist. His specialty is Italian bees and queens and on the issue he is prepared to meet all comers. Orders for honey, hives, bees, and queens are promptly filled. He is the agent of Cargill Bros. Elevator at this place and a member of the village council.

The Howard Lake Board of Trade

is the latest institution for the development of the town's resources. It enters upon its work at a most auspicious season, just as the village is entering on a fresh spurt of enterprise. As an organized and active union of all the industrial and commercial forces of the place it cannot but be a motive power for progressive enterprise. The officers elected are: F. N. Stacy, president; C. W. Bonniwell, vice-president; T. R. Briggs, secretary; Lemuel McGrew, treasurer; C. M. Bucks, J. J. Wooley and F. E. Latham, directors.

J. J. Wooley, Law, Insurance and Collections

In 1884 he entered into partnership with A. J. Alley in the insurance business and built up perhaps the largest insurance business at that time in the county. In 1887 he was admitted to the bar and extended his business to law, insurance, and collections.

The Windsor House

J. W. Carlock, proprietor, is one of the oldest hotels in the county. It has thirty rooms for the accommodation of guests, is conveniently situated with a livery stable in the same block, is one block from the lake, and three blocks from the railway station. J. W. Carlock who has been proprietor for one year, was formerly in the hotel business at Glencoe and thoroughly understands the requirements of the business. The beauty of the town's location, the proximity of the lake, the excellent fishing and the natural advantages of the place as a summer resort, open to the hotel excellent opportunities for summer boarding.

The Howard Lake House

was established in West Howard Lake by J. H. Wager some four years since. The house is across the street from the depot and thoroughly well kept. Its reasonable terms and convenience for railroad travel gives it a good business. J. H.

Wager is a prominent member of the G.A.R. Post, and also does considerable business as manufacturer of rustic chairs.

J. C. Oakley, General Merchandise

He arrived in Howard Lake in 1881. After four years with E. J. Cutts, Mr. Oakley, five years ago, opened in general merchandise under his own name. He has succeeded in keeping before the public as select, varied and complete a stock as is handled in this part of the county, and has always drawn to his establishment the best class of customers. His store is one of the largest in Howard Lake and one of the best kept in point of neatness, variety and freshness of stock and class of goods.

C. W. Fogle, Musical Instruments

It is fourteen years since the above gentleman came from Ohio and took up his stay as a Howardite. The first half of that period was devoted to various business pursuits. The past six years, however, have been given to the musical instrument business, as agent for R. C. Munger, St. Paul. In that time he has sold 300 organs and 50 pianos to the people of Wright County and has supplied the brass bands of Delano, Montrose, Waverly, Howard and Cokato with instruments. He has been identified with the village band and orchestra a dozen years, was once village mayor, for six or eight years has filled the office of constable.

Eugene Gottschald, Painter

came to Howard Lake five years ago, after an experience of eight years in a New York paint and carriage shop. Sign painting, carriage painting, frescoing, cabinet staining and varnishing, house painting and all varied branches of the art are at his command. His shop is on Wallace Street.

Gustav Strache, Harness Dealer

purchased the harness business of A. P. Hiatt the early part of 1888, coming here from Cologne, Carver county, where he had followed successfully his trade for many years. He is a thorough master of the harness trade and in his large new quarters on Pacific Street makes one of the finest harness displays in this part of the county.

James Johnston, Liveryman

came from Ontario with the Canadian exodus twelve years ago and became a Middleville farmer. The livery establishment of which he has been proprietor during the past two years, has a successful standing of twelve years, sixteen head of horses, and full livery equipment. The latest addition to the stable is the imported Cleveland bay stallion, Derby, which at the time of importation, sold for $10,000. Dolly, another recent addition is a fast standard breed trotter which is now at the race track in training for the fall races. Johnston's stable is one of the best in this section.

C. J. Mealey's New Building

will be occupied as a livery stable and sale stable by the owner during this month. The building is 72x36 feet, with two high stories and will make a first class establishment. Charley has had six years business experience in Minneapolis and this place and thoroughly understands the business into which he is about to embark.

H. D. Lemunyan, Expressman

has been a resident of this locality 17 years, making teaming his business from the start. During the past 11 years he has carried on the village expressing and draying and now keeps busy two men and two teams besides himself. His service given, and for the amount of merchandise shipped to and from the town, no town in the county can boast a larger dray and express business.

Warren Merriman, Flour and Feed

came to this place from Delano last week and has put out his own sign over the building formerly occupied by the Marshall Meat Market, which now is filled with mill stuff. A full supply is in stock of everything in the flour and feed line, and the custom of the public is invited. J. A. Merriman, the son, assists in the business.

E. B. Smith Co., General Merchandise

came to Howard Lake in the fall of 1885, purchasing of D. B. Brown the business first established by H. E. Jones in 1871. The business is therefore the oldest in town, and has passed through the hands of nearly a dozen firms. Mr. Smith had previously two or three years' experience in the mercantile and elevator business in Long Lake. Mrs. Smith is an active partner in the business, devoting her attention especially to the dry goods counter and accounts. Glenn, the son, is also in the business as assistant. The business is run on a strictly cash basis, thus saving customers in the price of goods the extra costs arising from book accounts, risks, collections and dear wholesale costs, due to the loose credit system. The firm keeps a full line of all branches of merchandise and takes produce at market prices.

Advertisement in August 2, 1883 issue of Howard Lake Herald

Louis Rausch Store, 1895.

Louis Rausch
Merchandise, Produce and Meat Market

Louis Rausch came to Minnesota as early as 1859. Locating in St. Paul, he first engaged in carpentering and cabinetmaking, finally running an establishment of his own and extending his business to general building and contracting. After then taking up the hardware business for a short time, he moved to Watertown, where in the fall of 1864 he opened up a general store. It was in 1873 that he came to Wright County, engaging in the general merchandise and elevator business at Delano. The building and business of Wallace Goodsell of this place, after a development of nine years, came into possession of Mr. Rausch three years ago. He has made it a point to keep the heaviest stock in Howard, and draw to his establishment the large German trade tributary to the village from Albion, Middleville and Victor. His produce business has been especially extensive. His store and warehouse are thoroughly equipped with cellars, refrigerators, and the various appliances for butter-making, meat salting and smoking, and for the safe storing of vegetables and everything in the produce line. His shipments of produce to the single firm of Durkee & Emerson, St. Paul, last season was $6,000. Thirty-five tons of butter were shipped. At present the firm ships 600 dozens of eggs weekly. Mr. Rausch has also sole control of the Howard Lake Meat Market, and in machinery and convenience for slaughtering, packing and storing meat, has by far the completest equipment in the county. His latest venture is the establishment of a stock-yard for fattening beeves and pork for his meat market. He can now promise the public fat stall-fed beef the year around. The stalls at present contain 30 head of fat cattle and as many hogs, and has capacity for a large stock feeding enterprise.

Levi Vannurden, Well-Boring

came to this vicinity 19 years ago, 13 years of which he has been engaged in the well business. He keeps employed four men and two teams and has a complete outfit for boring in all soils and putting down all grades of curbing, tiling being a specialty. He has bored during the past 13 years upwards of 1200 wells, and is still at it at the rate of from 80 to 100 wells per season.

W. P. Massey, Wells and Pumps

has a complete outfit in the well-boring business, handles the Monitor Windmills and pumps, and does tiling to order. He has had a long experience in the business and does first class work.

L. L. Phelps, Horse Trainer

came to this place from Hutchinson last fall. He has had extended experience in horse handling, especially in training trotters. He has leased from the county agricultural society the use of the track and stalls at the fair grounds for the season, and with two assistants is doing large and increasing business. Ten fast horses of good breeding and promising speed are now in his hands for training.

Fred Ayder — General Merchandise
came to Monticello, Wright County, in 1857, four years later accepting a position as clerk in a Minneapolis mercantile house. In 1879 he started in business for himself in Cokato, four years later moving to Howard Lake and opening a store on the corner of Pacific and Main streets. Ayder keeps a select stock closely suited to the demands of his customers, and by running a careful and judicious business is building up a substantial and growing trade both in the village and country.

Jones & Gaston, General Merchandise
are the latest mercantile firm in Howard Lake, having been established and open to the public one week today. The firm is the only incorporated business association in Town, having received incorporation at the State Capitol April 7, with a cash capital of $10,000. They have leased the Hoover building, adjoining the post office, for a period of five years. The building has been generally refitted, enlarged to a length of 75 feet, and has room to carry the heavy stock which it is the purpose of the firm to place before the public. A. W. Jones first came to Howard Lake 15 years ago. F. W. Gaston is a native of St. Paul, was for several years a reporter on the Pioneer Press, finally establishing in the real estate business with Mr. Jones. Mrs. Jones, daughter of C. W. Bonniwell of this place, is also a member of the firm.

A. L. Mealey, Watchmaking and Jewelry
The store now occupied by this gentleman has been in existence ten years, and during most of that time was the only establishment of the kind in town. Mr. Mealey came from New York in 1885, where he had received eight years experience as apprentice and journeyman, and purchased his present stand in 1887. He is one of the most expert jewelers in this section and always keeps a select stock of reliable goods.

Ernst Schmidt, Jewelry and Hardware
Learning his jewelry trade in Germany, the above gentleman came to this state some 18 years ago. Locating at Waconia, and later at Winsted, he alternately and jointly followed the jewelry and blacksmithing trades, and the hardware and machinery business until 1886, when he took up his residence in Howard Lake and for a time followed blacksmithing. One year ago he purchased the Douglas property on Main Street, where he now transacts a considerable business in jewelry, hardware and machinery. Ernst is a painstaking and industrious workman and is ably assisted in the business by Mrs. Schmidt who acts as saleswoman.

Mrs. R. A. Wilcox, Milliner
came from Des Moines, Iowa, and established in the millinery business two years ago. Miss Lora Denman, an experienced milliner of several years practice, also recently from Des Moines, is employed in the establishment. All branches of fancy work and general millinery are given skillful attention, and a complete stock is carried in hats, flowers, ribbons and general millinery material. For a select stock of new and fresh goods in latest styles, the shop has no superior between Howard and Minneapolis. Mrs. Wilcox devotes her extra hours outside of millinery work to instruction in music, in which she has classes in this place and Minneapolis. She is an old and experienced instructor in the business, having devoted her attention to musical instruction for a considerable part of the past twenty years.

Mrs. M. C. Staples, Millinery
has been established in her present stand since the spring of 1888. Previously she had some four or five years experience as a milliner and dressmaker, which she has put to good advantage. Her business includes millinery, fancy work, stamping, and instructions in all lines of embroidery and fancy work, which together give her and assistant steady and increasing employment.

T. R. Briggs, Law and Collections
Coming to Howard Lake in 1872, he entered upon the practice of law, which with collections, the settlement of estates, and justice business, has engaged his labors until the present date. He has

Long Building, Pacific Street and Highway 12. J. Craig Long, Howard Lake Druggist in 1880.

served eight years as justice of the peace, four years on the town board of supervisors, two years on the village council, is secretary of the board of trade and cemetery association, and commander of the G.A.R. Post, of which also he was the first commander in 1884.

A. J. Rassett, Photographer

came to Howard with his parents 15 years ago. In 1883 he entered the business of photographer with J. Q. Miller of Aberdeen. After five years in the business at various points in Minnesota and Dakota, he established in Howard two years ago. This past winter he built a new gallery as a permanent establishment.

J. B. Ehrhardt, Barber

keeps a neat tonsorial parlor over the bank. After six years experience in New York he established in Litchfield in 1887, coming to Howard Lake one year ago. Ehrhardt is adept at the art, has a good outfit, and attends neatly to all branches of his profession, both for ladies, children and gentlemen.

C. N. BLISS,

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HOUSE AND OFFICE FURNITURE,

Pictures, Picture Frames, etc. Caskets, Coffins and a large stock of

FUNERAL GOODS.

Embalming done when deisred, or the art of Preserving Bodies without the Use of Ice a specialty; A nice Hearse when desired.

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HOWARD, - - - MINNESOTA.

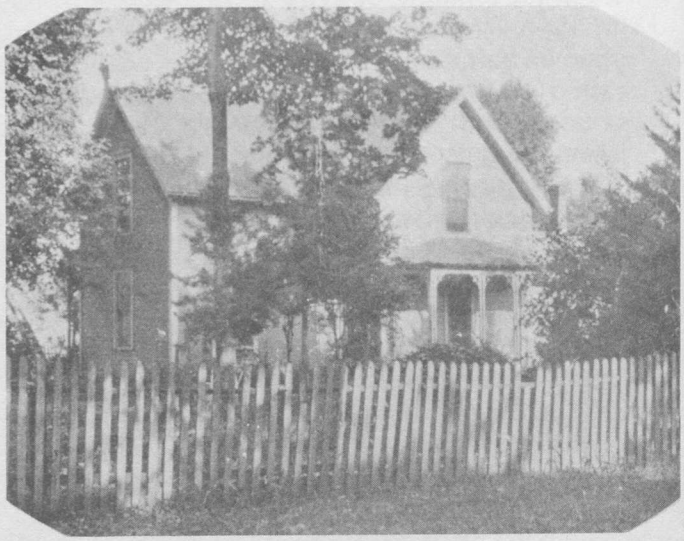
Advertisement in the Howard Lake Herald, September 13, 1883.

HISTORY OF THE FURNITURE STORE AND FUNERAL HOME

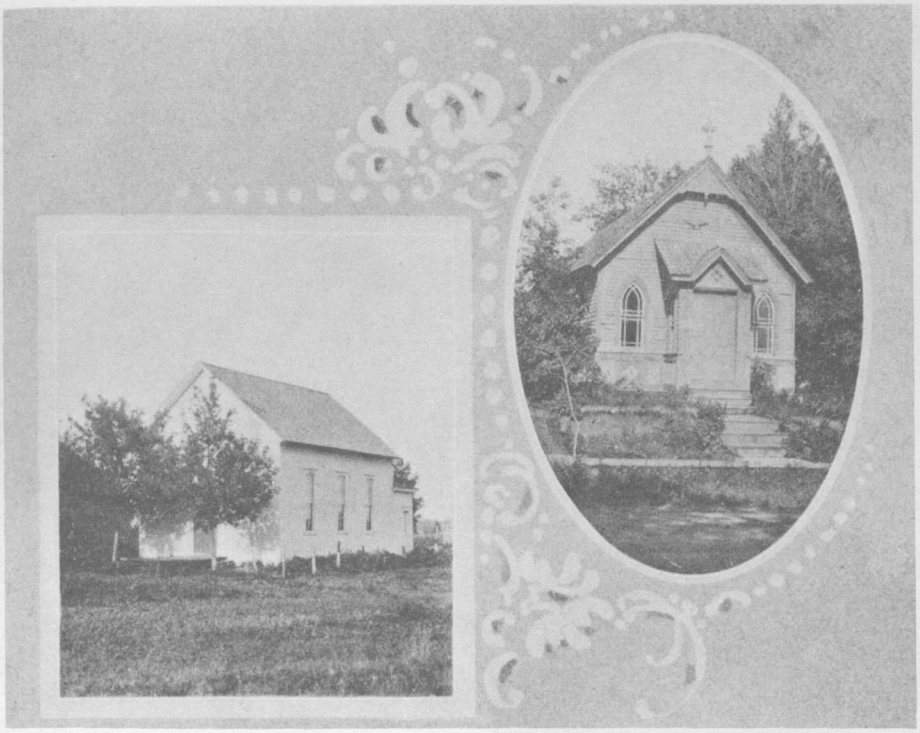
The first recorded information, other than the ad run by C. N. Bliss (above), September 13, 1883, is the following announcement taken from the May 8, 1890 issue of the Howard Lake Herald:

"Merriman & Doyle, Furniture & Undertaking" is one of Howard Lake's new firms, being recent successors to Wm. Delles. H. F. Merriman, the senior partner, has been 26 years in mercantile business and has just come to this place from Minnetrista. H. D. Doyle, the junior partner, after four years business experience at Watertown, came to Howard Lake last month. The formerly large stock of the establishment has been increased by some three or four carloads of the latest styles in furniture, carpets, trunks and valises and general house fixtures and furnishings. Cabinet making and undertaking are given special attention. The firm carries one of the fullest stocks of first class goods to be found west of Minneapolis, and delivers all furniture free of charge to any part of the county. The method of payment adopted by the firm to accommodate customers is the installment plan by which goods may be obtained at cash rates by partial payment down with monthly or quarterly payments, the furniture standing as security."

In 1900 T. M. Woolley purchased the furniture portion, but had no mortuary operation. In 1907, Enoch E. Ritchie took over the furniture and undertaking, selling it to Henry Vogel in 1912. In 1917, George Boxell purchased it and completed the University of Minnesota's School of Embalming course in 1918. Mr. Boxell was probably the first to have any formal education in the art of Embalming and Funeral Directing. In 1926 Mr. Boxell added the north half of the present furniture building. Mr. Boxell sold the furniture and funeral business in 1940 to Vincent T. Greelis, who operated it until 1960 when he sold it to Russell A. Lee. In 1973, Mr. Lee constructed a new, modern funeral home on the west edge of Howard Lake, selling the furniture store to John A. Johnson. Mr. Johnson is the present owner-operator of the furniture store. In 1977 Mr. Gerald W. Young purchased the funeral home and is the present owner of it.

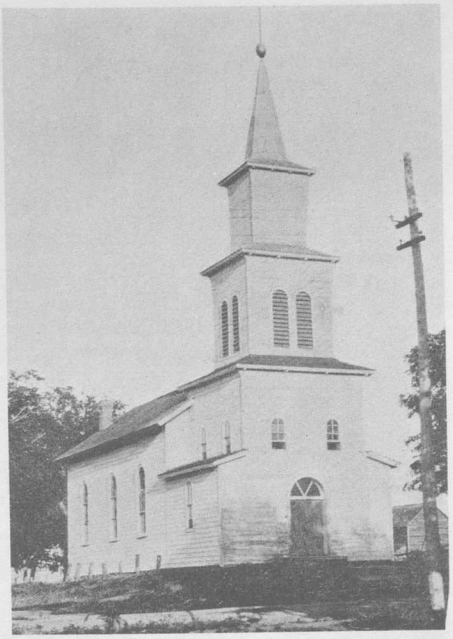


Home of Mrs. Anna McPherson-Edworthy in 1901. The Cletus Rausch home at the present time.



St. John's German Lutheran Church, 1901

Episcopal Church, 1901



St. James German Lutheran Church, 1901

J. M. Johnson's Hardware, 1901

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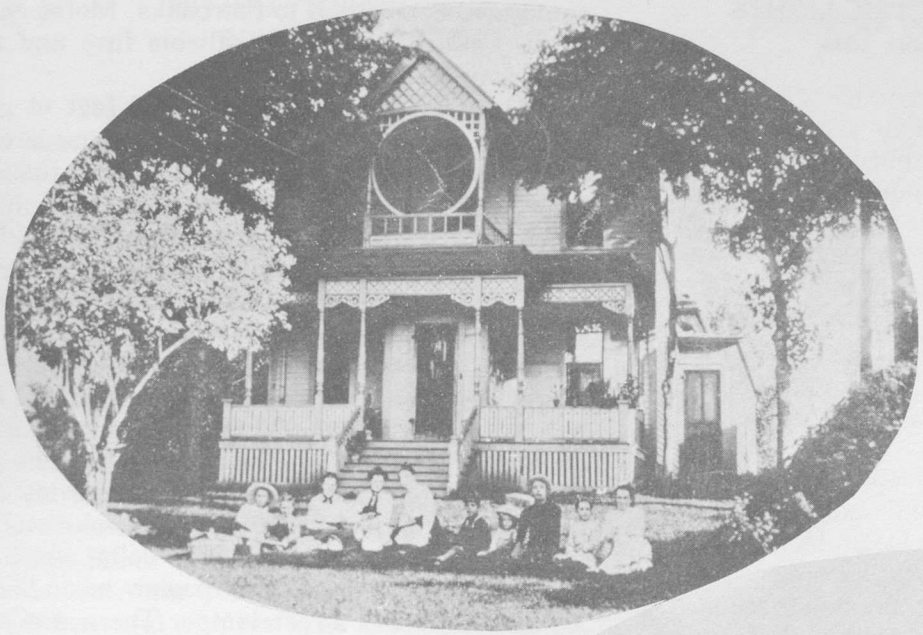


Home of C. A. Charles in 1901. This was known for many years as the Pudlitzke house, and is now the home of the Orville Dalbec family.

W. L. Taylor's Vineyard, 1901

McKinnon Bros., General Merchandise, 1901

WATER WORKS AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS

(Howard Lake Herald, October, 1896)

When the division superintendent of the Great Northern Railway Company suggested to the Herald a year ago last July that Howard Lake should put in waterworks it did not seem possible that a village of its size and resources could undertake so expensive an improvement. We mentioned it in the Herald and it met with so much favor that a special election on petition of several voters was held in September and the issue of $8,000 in bonds was authorized by a small majority, for the purpose of putting in a system of waterworks.

The village council advertised for bids but only one was received and that exceeded the amount of the appropriation, so was rejected and nothing further was done until last spring.

Prior to the spring election another petition was presented to the council, asking that the proposition of increasing the amount of the bonds to $11,000 be voted on, the additional $4,000 to be used in the construction of an electric light plant. The proposition carried by almost two to one, and we believe that now there would not be a dissenting vote if any way the proposition could be brought up again.

Luther Parker's for a water tower and four lots on the ''commons'' at the lower end of the village for a well and power house. A six inch tubular well was driven to the depth of 126 feet. The bonds were sold at par. There were several bids for the work of putting in the system, and the contract was awarded to Fairbanks, Morse & Co. of St. Paul, a thoroughly reliable firm and they have done us a good job.

There is almost a mile, 5,000 feet of pipe. From the tower to Pacific Street the pipe is eight inches in diameter, six inches from there to May's corner, and four inches to the end, half a block beyond the depot corner. There is a hydrant at every corner on the line, twelve each having two 2½ inch taps and draw hole at the bottom, which prevents the water freezing in them.

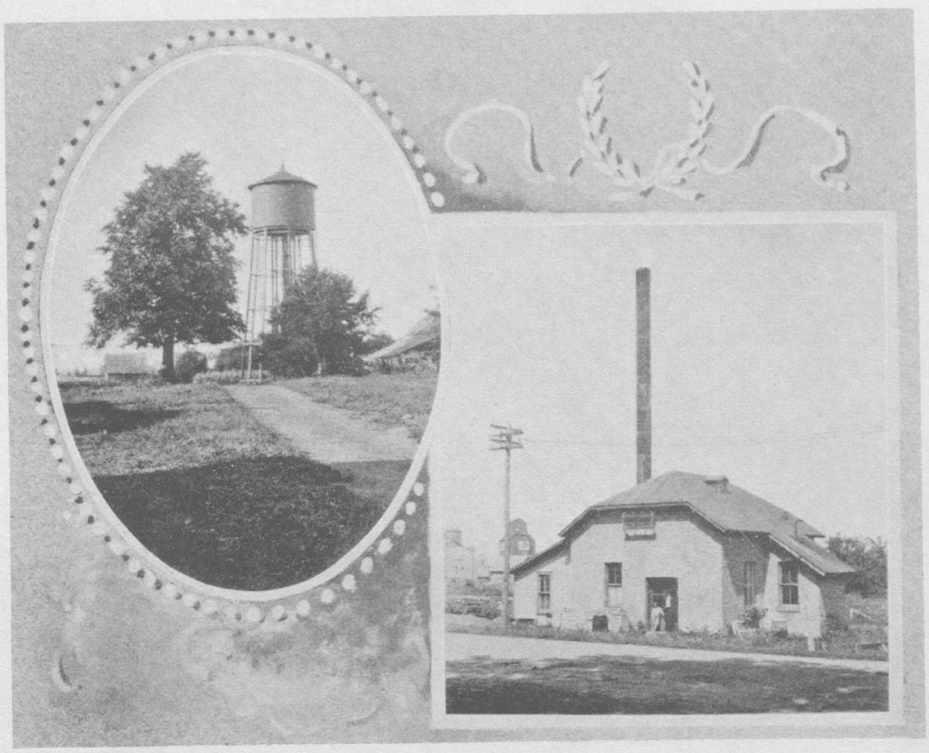
The power house is solid brick, 24x26, and contains a boiler and engine room separated by a wall. The boiler is a 70 horse power and the engine 50 horse and they were made by the Erie City, Pa., Iron Works. When generating electricity the engine will make 300 revolutions per minute and has a capacity of 220 volts, which will supply 450 sixteen candle power incandescent lamps beside the street lamps. There are eight arc street lamps and two 32 candle power incandescent lamps. Over 250 lamps have been put into buildings for private use, which will provide revenue for nearly, if not all the running expenses and interest charges.

The water tower is 60 feet high and holds 1800 barrels. The pressure is 55 pounds to the square inch at the power station and will throw a stream 75 feet high from a 1¼ inch nozzle. In case of a fire near the mains four streams could be used by tapping two hydrants.

The cost of the whole improvement, except for advertising, special election, attorney's fees, etc., is: $11,304.00.

The 1915 History of Wright County reports:

''The public supply (water) is pumped from the lake without filtering, through an intake which is about 800 feet from the shore. This water has a relatively low total hardness, and is used by more than one-half of the people, approximately 25,000 gallons being consumed daily.''



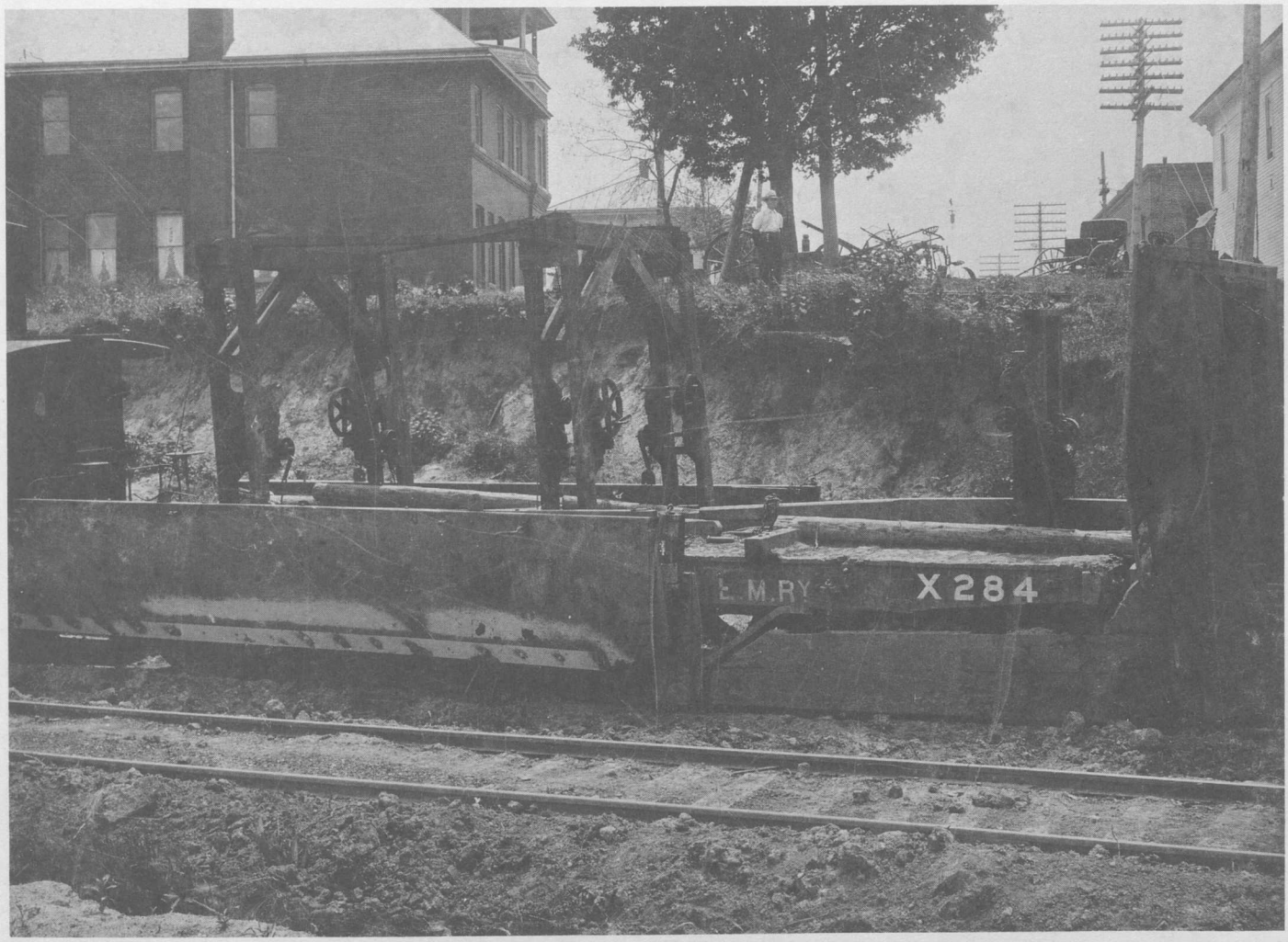
Water Tower, 1901

Electric Light Power House, 1901

1915 History of Wright County

BOXELL MURDER

The murder of William T. Boxell and his young wife, Lydia M. Oliver, on the night of May 15, 1899, at their home in Middleville, a mile west of Howard Lake, caused a turmoil throughout Wright county which did not subside for several years. On the night in question, the two young sons, George and Robert Boxell, went fishing. Upon their return at midnight they found the house dark and the doors locked. Frightened, they went to the home of their brother, Joseph Boxell, who lived three-quarters of a mile away. Two other neighbors, Henry Garman and David Workman, were also aroused. In making their way to the Boxell home on horseback, the three men found the body of William T. Boxell a few rods from the house lying in the road, clad only in a shirt, and with his head cleaven with an axe. In the bedroom of the house they found the dead body of the young wife, who had also been killed with an axe. Walls and floors were spattered with blood and there were signs of a terrific struggle. The theory was that Boxell had been stunned and left for dead in the house, but that upon regaining consciousness he had staggered down the road and had been overtaken and killed. Word was at once sent to Howard Lake. The Mason Lodge was still in session and the members went to the place of the crime in a body. There were many suspicions and several arrests. George Taylor, a son-in-law, and two sons, Joseph and John Boxell, were indicted. The trial of Joseph Boxell extended with recesses over a month, beginning late in June, 1899. Nineteen days were actually spent in court. He was acquitted, and the cases against the other two were dismissed. Feeling ran high throughout the county and much bitterness resulted. A discussion of the evidence is beyond the scope of this work.



Great Northern Railroad equipment used in rebuilding the railroad grade (1907-1908). View to the South from the foot of St. Paul Street. Note: Present City Hall, Howard Lake Hardware (Koenig Hardware), Rausch Store and Hotel Howard Building in the background. Louis Haas is the spectator.

Howard Lake City Hall, 1904.

Upstairs in Howard Lake City Hall.

1909 BUSINESS PLACES IN HOWARD LAKE

(The Great Northwest Magazine, Dec., 1909)

H. G. STRACHE

has for two years been engaged in the hardware business in Howard Lake. He carries a full and complete line of shelf and heavy hardware, tinware, stoves, the Universal and Garland makes, buggies, implements and horse furnishing goods. He has one employee. In connection with his hardware Mr. Strache has a fine harness shop, presided over by a competent workman.

H. G. Strache Hardware (approximately 1914), Herb (son, left) and H. G. Strache.

M. M. WOOLEY,

who is the postmaster of Howard Lake, has the honor of being one of the old settlers of the county coming here in 1874. He owns one of the finest farms in the county and operates it. In 1889 he was elected sheriff of the county. He is also engaged in the insurance business, writing it for nine of the leading companies. He also handles real estate, of not only the city, county and all adjoining counties, but throughout the state and in Canada.

MILES E. WAGNER

is a contractor, builder and architect of no mean ability, one who understands most thoroughly every step. Monuments of 35 years of his work are to be found in such buildings as the City Hall, the Public School, the German-American bank and the German church of this city.

GOTTLIEB EPPLER,

in the meat business, enjoys a fine trade. His shop, 18x50, is as neat as can be found in Wright county. He does his own killing, thus insuring the public that only the meat from healthy cattle will be dealt out to them. His sausage, which is home made, has won for him a wide reputation. Mr. Eppler not only is engaged in pleasing and satisfying his home trade, but he is a very extensive shipper of poultry, veal and mutton.

KOENIG HARDWARE COMPANY

owns and operates an excellent and popular hardware store. The company consists of G. A. Koenig and his son, G. A. Jr., and J. P. Anderson, and was established sixteen years ago by the senior Mr. Koenig. The store is well stocked with a complete line of heavy and shelf hardware, plumbing supplies, harness and in fact, all horse goods, all kinds of farm machinery, including the Deere & Webber and International lines, threshers, sporting goods and all kinds of stoves, making a specialty of the Monarch. They also install heating plants, and their large stock of high grade goods offers an unrestricted choice. This immense stock occupies a two-story building 50x80, with a basement. They employ six, one of whom is a first class tinner.

E. A. Rausch Store, left to right: Robert Rausch, Hattie Rausch, Fred Rausch, Alfred Nott, Will Rausch, George Boxell.

E. A. RAUSCH'S

business was established by Mr. L. Rausch in 1887, and with the assistance of his worthy wife conducted by them until 1901, when death dissolved the partnership, taking from the firm its founder. With the assistance of her sons, W. J. Rausch, who is now the manager and whose efforts are ably seconded by the brothers, Fred and Robert, Mrs. Rausch continues the business. They conduct one of the best kept stores in the county and are also engaged in buying and shipping livestock, being the leading buyers at Howard Lake. In their store, 22x100, will be found a complete and comprehensive line of dry goods, boots, shoes, clothing, hats, caps and groceries.

HOTEL HOWARD

It takes Mr. W. S. Coburn of the Hotel Howard to bring order out of a decided state of chaos. In the last few months the hotel has changed hands repeatedly, being for the most part operated by men with little or no conception of the business. As a consequence Howard Lake has for some time been without a first class hotel and suffered in the eyes of the traveling public. On Sept. 10 of this year, Mr. Coburn, until then operating the leading hotel of Kimball, Minn., took possession and immediately there was a decided change not only in the hotel, but on the part of the traveling public toward Howard Lake. The very atmosphere of the hotel at once became cheerful and homelike. The building is a fine brick structure, 24x110 feet in length, containing twenty-one rooms, all electric lighted and steam heated, clean and neatly furnished throughout. Mr. Coburn employs four people to see that they are kept so. He has had years of experience in the hotel business and is known by the traveling public as a popular and painstaking landlord. The service here afforded is the very best to be had, the table all that the most exacting could desire and no pains spared to make his guest feel at home. Located as it is on the shores of beautiful Howard Lake, where fishing is fine, here is an ideal spot to spend a summer's vacation.

JOHNSON PRODUCE COMPANY,

in March of 1908, established a branch office in Howard Lake, with Fred Larson as manager. Such a business is of great benefit to any city as it creates a market for butter, eggs, cheese, poultry and all kinds of produce. They occupy a building 24x30 and employ one.

J. A. McVEETY

is now accounted one of the leading business men of Howard Lake, where he is engaged in dealing in nursery and fruit stock. He has conducted this enterprise for ten years and has won the success which comes through persistent effort.

Early 1900 view of the Chas. Moore Flour Mill and Moore Bros. Homes.

The Howard Lake Roller Mills, about 1916.

HOWARD LAKE MILLING COMPANY

is located on Howard Lake in three substantial buildings, 32x42, 10x42, and 10x30, with an engine house 24x30 feet. It is well equipped and supplied with the very best of machinery throughout. The president, manager and treasurer is Mr. Chas. Moore. With a capacity of seventy-five barrels of flour per day the mill is able to supply many families with their "Pride of Howard Lake."

E. E. KUETHE

commenced in the blacksmith business in Howard Lake fourteen years ago. He has fine shops 25x50 and 18x50 and makes a specialty of machinery repair work, from a sewing machine to a thresher. He can repair anything and do it in ship shape. Mr. Kuethe makes horse shoeing one of his specialties, in fact, is an expert in his line and pays no small amount of attention to the proper shoeing of track horses and roadsters.

C. R. OLSON'S

very profitable grocery has been established two years, with his whole aim and object to please and provide his customers with satisfactory goods at low prices. It is located in a fine store building 22x40, with an ice cream parlor 40x40. Three experienced clerks are employed to wait on trade and to keep the immense stock of groceries, school supplies, fruits and the soda fountain in the tip top shape it is always to be found.

OTTO PETER,

although a business man of Howard Lake for only a short time, has become an active factor in business circles during that period. Mr. Peter conducts one of the best saloons in Wright county. It is in size 20x50 and he employs one. He is well and favorably known, as is attested by the fact that he was justice of the peace for seven years, town supervisor and a member of the school board.

O. P. JUNGCLAUS COMPANY'S

stock is always complete and comprises dry goods, clothing, men's furnishings, jewelry, hats, caps, shoes, boots and groceries. When the Jungclaus Company began business in Howard Lake it was with the determination of carrying nothing but good goods and charging moderate prices for the same. Mr. O. P. Jungclaus has ever enjoyed this reputation. They occupy a store 30x120 and employ four.

E. E. RITCHIE'S

extensive line of business was established here in 1907. He deals in furniture, of which he carries not only a stock of medium quality, but one of high grade goods, carpets and rugs, trunks and valises, pianos and organs. He occupies a store 50x60 feet in length and one must needs see his magnificent line of dressers, chiffoniers, beds, wash stands, side boards, buffets, tables and chairs of all descriptions to appreciate them. His store is tastefully arranged, his stock free from monstrosities and freaks that are produced in some factories, in defiance of every canon of good taste or the law of harmony. Mr. Ritchie and his able assistant are kept busy waiting upon the ever increasing trade. Besides all this he is an undertaker and carries a large assortment of coffins and caskets and has a hearse in connection. Mr. Ritchie also does a general contracting business in the erection of business blocks and

Otto Peter Saloon (About 1907), Left to right: Rudy Peter, bartender, Geo. Painter, "Buzz" Parin, Albert Yager, Unknown. (The saloon was located next door to the present day Model Eat Shop).

residences, and has many evidences of his handicraft in this city, noticeably the city hall, the German-American Bank, the grist mill, school house, etc.

H. A. WORKMAN'S

drug, medicine and confectionery house was established in Howard Lake in 1900. The store is well appointed and occupies a substantial building 50x80. A large and completely assorted stock is carried, while the soda fountain is one of the best in Howard Lake. The stock consists of a fine line of toilet articles, fancy goods, perfumery, soaps, fancy groceries, crockery and china, rubber goods and general druggist's sundries. Being a registered pharmacist his prescriptions are all filled under his careful direction.

Hotel Howard Dining Room, 1913. Left to right: Ella Heuer, Anna Pogreba and Louise Beier.

Hotel Howard Lobby. Mrs. Brokaw, owner, waiting on a travelling salesman.

Hotel Howard Kitchen, 1913. Left to right: Ella Heuer, Anna Pogreba and Louise Beier.

FARMERS' COOPERATIVE DAIRY ASSOCIATION AT HOWARD LAKE

This association dates back to 1897, when the farmers began to haul their milk. F. T. Prohl is the secretary and has charge of the creamery. They own the building they occupy, 24' by 97', which is well equipped with all the latest machinery, and they have an experienced and very capable buttermaker, E. W. Redman. The number of patrons averages about one hundred. The capacity is 2,000,000 pounds per year, the most of which is shipped to New Jersey.

(They built a new and modern building in 1915, the first creamery in Wright county to use electrical power. In 1969 the Farmers' Cooperative Dairy Association merged with the American Milk Producers, Inc.).

Old Howard Lake Creamery, early 1900's.

Troops march past old creamery building, 1918.

"New" creamery building, about 1920.

Aerial view of creamery and milk drying plant (center of photo), in the 1950's.

Bank of Howard Lake, 1901, Lemuel McGrew, Cashier

THE BANK OF HOWARD LAKE

History of Wright County (II)

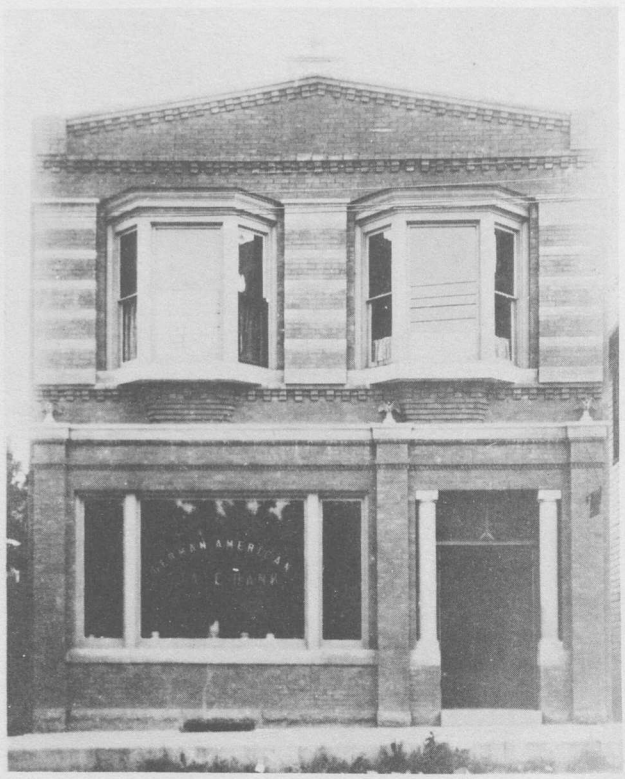
In 1884 C. M. Buck and Lemuel McGrew bought the banking business of Mr. Lynch, and conducted it as a private bank, with a capital of $10,000, under the name of the Bank of Howard Lake, a name which has remained unchanged to the present day. In 1898 the bank was reorganized as a State Bank, with a capital of $15,000, with the following named officers: President, C. M. Buck; Vice President, J. S. Graves; Cashier, Lemuel McGrew; Directors, John Ferrell and John F. Pearson. This same board continued in office until 1904, at which time A. A. Narverud became a director, and John Ferrell was elected vice president in place of J. S. Graves, who moved from this locality and sold his interests to A. A. Narverud. In January, 1908, the capital stock was increased to $20,000, with C. M. Buck as president; John Ferrell, vice president; Lemuel McGrew, cashier, and O. P. and M. W. Comer, assistant cashiers; William Wildung, M. M. Woolley, A. A. Narverud as directors. In April, 1912, death took from the officers Lemuel McGrew, who had been cashier for about twenty-eight years, and O. P. Comer was elected to fill that vacancy. The present officers are E. E. McGrew, president; William Wildung, vice president; O. P. Comer, cashier; M. W. Comer and H. A. Weckwerth, assistant cashiers. The building was remodeled in 1909.

Following is a report of the condition of the bank rendered at the close of business March 4, 1914: Resources — Loans and discounts, $282,504.71; overdrafts, $503.42; United States bonds, $1,000; banking house furniture and fixtures, $9,000; cash and due from banks, $25,699.30; total, $318,707.43. Liabilities — Capital stock, $20,000; surplus and undivided profits, $8,246.06; deposits, $290,461.37; total, $318,707.43. (The bank closed on September 17, 1932, during the Depression).

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN STATE BANK OF HOWARD LAKE

was incorporated November 2, 1905, by Mart Fleener, G. G. Luhman, C. A. Wilson, W. F. Nott, Miles E. Wegner, Edward C. Tuttle, A. R. Klopfleisch, Gottlieb Eppler, Joseph Claessen, Carl Luhman, George Painter, Michael Folz, F. J. Redmer, Julius Redmer, August Gerber, and E. E. Ritchie.

The first officers were: President, Mart Fleener, Vice President, C. A. Wilson; Cashier, G. G. Luhman. These three, with M. E. Wegner and Michael Folz, comprised the first board of directors. The institution opened for business November 16, 1905, in its own building. This was later disposed of and the bank now rents from the Howard Lake Realty and Investment Company, having the finest banking



German American State Bank, G. G. Luhman, cashier, about 1907.

Howard Lake Realty Company building. The Cash Store, operated by Ferrell & Gerard. German American State Bank, 1908-1917.

house in Wright County. Of the first officers Mart Fleener served until September, 1908, when he was succeeded as President by A. A. Zech. C. A. Wilson served as vice president until January, 1910, when he was succeeded by F. E. Latham. G. G. Luhman has been cashier continuously since the organization of the bank. The present officers are: President, A. A. Zech; Vice President, F. E. Latham; Cashier, G. G. Luhman; Assistant Cashiers, John Zech and C. B. Cochran. The bank stands for the progress and development of the community, and the officials are courteous to all and liberal in their treatment of those who are worthy. The bank has an authorized capital of $50,000 and a paid up capital of $15,000. The capital and surplus is $18,000; the deposits, $285,-000; the loans, $250,000; and the amount due from banks, $37,000. (The bank closed during the Depression, September 1, 1931).

ASSESSMENT ROLLS VILLAGE OF HOWARD LAKE — 1914

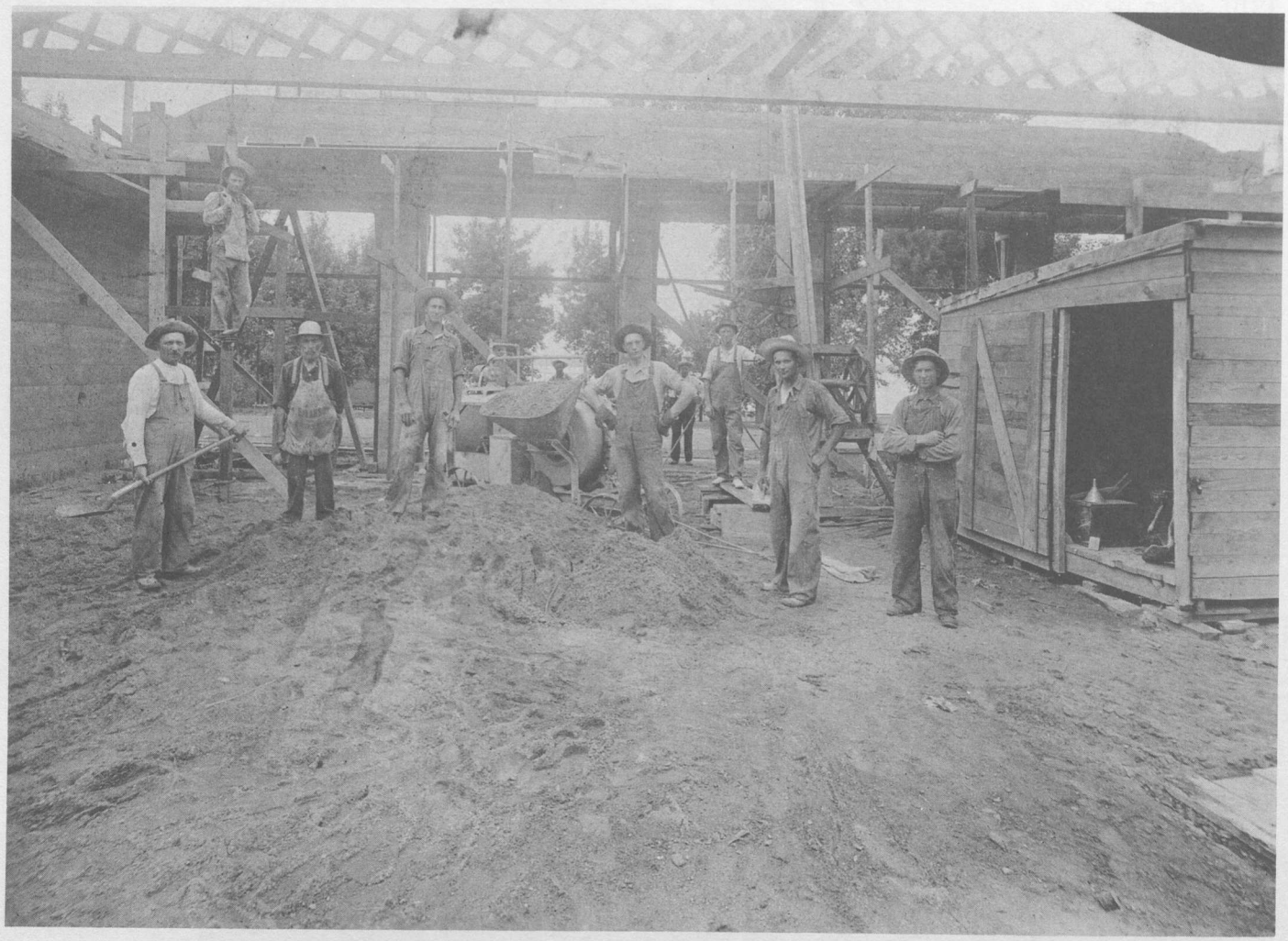
Horses, mules and asses, under one year old, 1; one year old and under two years, 2; two years old and under three years, 4; three years old and over, 73. Cattle, under one year, 2; one year and under two years, 5; two years and under three years, 2; cows, 43; bulls, 0; all other cattle three years old and over, 0. Sheep,0. Swine, 17. Value of poultry, $162. Number of dogs, 16.

Automobiles, 21; motorcycles and bicycles, 1.

Robert Rausch, left, and unknown companion, sitting in front of the Rausch Store and Butcher Shop, 1890. The building is presently occupied by Donnie's OK Hardware, Diers Plumbing and Heating and Don's Barber Shop. Note board sidewalks.

BUSINESSES ADVERTISING IN 1914 ISSUES OF THE HOWARD LAKE HERALD

Bank of Howard Lake.
The Cash Store, A. R. Klopfleisch, Prop., Ready to Wear.
Central Lumber Company, F. L. Cundy, Mgr.
Dr. E. Y. Chilton, Physician & Surgeon.
G. W. Fisher, Auctioneer.
N. E. Grengs, Harness Shop.
German American State Bank.
Howard Lake Garage, C. L. Avery, Prop.
Howard Lake Herald.
Howard Lake Milling Company, Chas. Moore, Mgr.
Howard Lake Produce Company, Axel Sandgren.
Dr. A. W. Howe, Physician & Surgeon.
W. S. Ives Lumber Company, C. W. Anders, Mgr.
O. P. Jungclaus Company, Groceries and Dry Goods.
Koenig Hardware Company.
F. E. Latham, C. A. Pidgeon, Attorneys at Law.
Miss Anna Lauzer, Millinery.
W. P. Massey, Monuments.
Power Distributing Company, W. P. Rutledge, Mgr.
C. E. Rasmussen, Harness & Shoe Repair.
R. E. Rasmussen, Harness & Shoe Repair.
Rutledge & Johnson, Electrical Supplies.
Ernst Schmidt, Jeweler and Optometrist.
W. W. Smith, Dry Goods.
Spitz Theater, Movies.
Dr. Forest E. Staples, Dentist.
H. G. Strache Hardware.
Dr. W. E. Tryon, Physician & Surgeon.
H. W. Vogel, Furniture.
Vogel & Hedberg, Auto Sales.
H. A. Workman's Drug Store.



Vogel Garage under construction, 1916. Left to right: "Dick" Janneke, Henry Vogel, owner, George Painter, Frank Zander, "Jack" Schmieg, Oscar Worrath, Ernest Zander, Henry Luhman, Contractor.

August Farchmin barn under construction, 1914-1915. Largest Gothic Roofed Barn in Wright County at that time. Left to right: Henry Luhman, Contractor, Ernest Zander, August F. Birkholz, Conrad Smith, Oscar Worrath, "Jake" Hemerick and Louie Smith.

VILLAGE OF HOWARD LAKE

1915 History of Wright County

August A. Zech, educator and financier, superintendent of Wright County schools, and President of the German-American Bank, of Howard Lake, was born in Prussia in 1868. He attended the district schools, and then the Howard Lake High School for three years. Then he taught country schools for five years. Subsequently he entered the St. Cloud State Normal School, graduating in 1894. Then for two years he taught in the grammar department of the Howard Lake High School, and in 1896 became principal of the Annandale High School, and served for four years. Since 1900 he has served in his present position in charge of the schools of the county, to which position he was recently re-elected.

John Painter, resident of Howard Lake, was for some forty years after 1869 the village blacksmith.

Frank E. Latham, senior member of the firm of Latham & Pidgeon, with offices in Howard Lake, and at 425 New York Life Building, Minneapolis, is one of the county's most distinguished barristers. He was born in New Jersey September 7, 1851. At the age of thirteen he entered the Federal service as drummer boy with Co. C, Fifty-First Wis. Vol. Inf., being assigned to the drum corps of the Sixteenth Army Corps. Frank E. Latham practiced law in Howard Lake for 56 years, and died on January 18, 1937. The drum that he carried was destroyed in a fire that burned the first city hall of Howard Lake. He was Wright County's last surviving Civil War veteran.

Charles Moore, a prominent and successful miller of Howard Lake, was born on the west shore of Fountain Lake, in Woodland Township in 1867. In 1904 the Howard Lake Milling Company was organized, and a larger mill erected. This mill had a capacity of seventy-five barrels a day; it was able to supply many families with the 'Pride of Howard Lake' flour.

Medical

Drs. E. Y. Chilton, Albert G. Moffatt and Leonard Harriman, each served the Howard lake community 34 years.

In 1884 Dr. Chilton built a new home on Williams St., 3 lots for a new barn, announced a 9-pound son, taught the school physiology class about the circulation of blood in the fins of a minnow fish, and placed the following ad in the paper:

Sept. 2, 1884 "All persons indebted to me are requested to pay up. I need the money and must have it."

Wright Co. healthiest baby received a $15 prize in 1887.

In 1905 Dr. Moffatt's family went to Canada to visit, and he took a western excursion to the Portland Exposition. In 1916 while calling at a farm home, his "Buick roadster caught fire, believed to be gas on the heated exhaust pipe. Two other cars belonging to Dr. Moffatt have already burned up."

On returning from a trip to Chicago, Dr. Harriman reported having been arrested for making an illegal left turn downtown.

"But I was just following the car ahead of me", he protested.

"So you would have followed that car right into the Lake?" said the arresting officer.

Dr. Harriman was noted for his brilliant mind, fine library, and never forgot some of those unpaid-for deliveries when the proud papa drove a new car downtown and Dr. Harriman had to be content with his Model-T.

Kentucky born Dr. E. Y. Chilton received his medical training at Miami College, Cincinnati, a true medical pioneer, charter member of the Crow River Medical Society, active all of his life in the Minnesota and American Medical Societies. He served in the Minnesota Legislature, chairing the committee of Minnesota Hospital for the Insane. He founded the local board of health for inspection of village property, strongly believing in sanitation and preventive health care, offering prizes in 1887 to the healthiest babies in Wright County. During his life here, he served on the school board, was a member of the Masons, Modern Woodmen, KPs and other organizations. He died in May, 1914, aged 68.

Of Canadian and North Dakota background, Dr. Albert G. Moffatt was a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, came to Howard Lake in 1895, later doing post-graduate work in Cook County Hospital, Chicago, and serving as a Captain in the Medical Corps WWI. As a Homeopathic physician, Dr. Moffatt sat for years on the State Medical Board and served in various offices of the Minnesota Homeopathic Society. He was the County Coroner for many years, president of the village council, commercial club, and school board, member of the American Legion, a Mason and Shriner. He wrote his last prescription two weeks before he died in December, 1929, aged 64.

Dr. Leonard Harriman, graduate of the University of Illinois Medical School after serving as a medical corpsman in the Spanish-American War, came to Howard Lake in 1914. He located first in the building known as Elmer's Shoe Shop, moving to a new office in 1939. Dr. Harriman alone served the community in a desperate period, the flu epidemic of 1917-1918, his only rest on the floor of a bobsled as he was driven from one sick call to another, wading through drifts, taking his meals in secret to get a little rest, documenting 740 cases when he had time to write them down. Dr. Harriman was honored at a testimonial banquet on his 73rd birthday, estimating then that he had delivered more than 2,000 babies. President of the school board and Security State Bank, and local health officer for many years, Dr. Harriman lost three fingers of his right hand in 1946 from X-ray burns. He died in November, 1949, at the age of 76, preceded in death by his first wife Marie in 1937. Mrs. Anna Bringman Harriman died in January, 1978.

Graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School and resident at Ancker Hospital in St. Paul, Dr. D. H. Rolig moved to Howard Lake in 1938, purchasing Dr. Hoyer's practice. His first patient was one of the telephone operators, fee 50c. He delivered hundreds of babies, most of them home deliveries, the first a set of twins. Dr. Rolig left Howard Lake in 1945 to practice in St. Paul. He was active in the American Medical Association, Ramsey County Medical Society, St. Paul Surgical Society, and served as Chief of Staff at Bethesda Hospital for many years. Their four daughters are married. Mrs. Grace Rolig now resides in St. Paul. Dr. Rolig died September 7, 1973.

1879—Dr. F. J. Cressy
1880—Drs. E. Y. Chilton, Ira Bishop
Drs. F. M. Ball, D. E. Balcome
1881—Drs. Bishop & Chilton, Ball
1884—Drs. Bishop & Chilton, R. D. Hudson
1885—Drs. Chilton, Albert G. Moffatt
1890—Drs. Chilton, Ball & Davis
1891—Drs. Chilton & O'Connor
Drs. Davis, C. A. Woodward
1897—Drs. Chilton and Moffatt
1906—Drs. Chilton, Moffatt, Hugo Wightman
1908—Drs. Chilton, Moffatt, W. E. Tryon
1914—Drs. Moffatt, W. E. Tryon
Drs. W. A. Howe, Leonard Harriman
1915—Drs. Moffatt, W. E. Tryon
Dr. Leonard Harriman
1916—Drs. Moffatt and Harriman
1917—Dr. Leonard Harriman
1919—Drs. Harriman and Moffatt
1920—Drs. Harriman and Moffatt
Dr. T. Thorson
1922—Drs. Harriman and Moffatt
1929—Dr. Harriman
1934—Drs. Harriman and L. J. Hoyer
1938—Drs. Harriman and Howard Rolig
1946—Drs. Harriman and Vincent Ryding
1949—Dr. Vincent Ryding
1950—Dr. Wm. H. Thomas
1953—Drs. W. H. Thomas and Robert Shragg
1959—Dr. Larson
1960—To the present time — Dr. Rok Shin

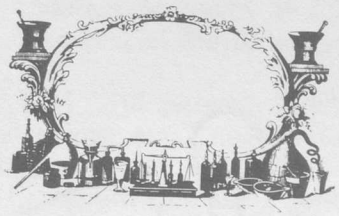
Dr. Wm. H. Thomas came to Howard Lake in 1950, receiving his Medical Degree from the University of St. Louis. Known to the children as "Dr. Bill", he instituted community clinics for children's inoculations and was the leader in establishing Howard Lake's first ambulance service. Dr. Thomas moved to Lindstrom in 1959, later practicing in Wayzata where his wife Judy now resides. He died in January, 1973, at the age of 50.

Dr. Vincent Ryding, graduate of the University of Kansas Medical School, came to Howard Lake in 1946, remaining here four years, leaving to take a residency in Dallas, Texas. He also studied at the University of Colorado, served in the armed forces, practiced medicine in Starbuck, Albert Lea, Mountain Lake, and was physician on staff at Iowa State College and in the VA Hospital in Fargo, N.D. Dr. Ryding died in May, 1976, aged 68.

Dr. Robert I. Shragg came to Howard Lake from the University of Minnesota Medical School and General Hospital in July, 1953, practicing here with Dr. Thomas until August, 1955, when he moved to the Northbrook Clinic in Minneapolis. He served as Chief of Staff at North Memorial Hospital Medical Center in 1971. Dr. Shragg stated that he "probably stayed in Family Practice due to the great experience I had in Howard Lake. I enjoyed dealing with families to cure their ills. I even enjoyed making house calls in those days. We will never forget the warmth with which we were accepted and the many friends we made and still have . . . many patients in my present practice that originally lived in Howard Lake." Dr. and Mrs. Shragg and their family now reside in North Tyrol Hills.

1876 PIONEER DRUG
W. L. McCollum, Prop.
"One of the oldest established on the branch of the Great Northern Railway"

1878 EXCELSIOR DRUG
J. Craig Long, Druggist
"The Excelsior Medicine Man"



1882 PIONEER DRUG
E. T. Scott, Druggist

1887 PIONEER DRUG
Dr. E. Y. Chilton, Pharmacist

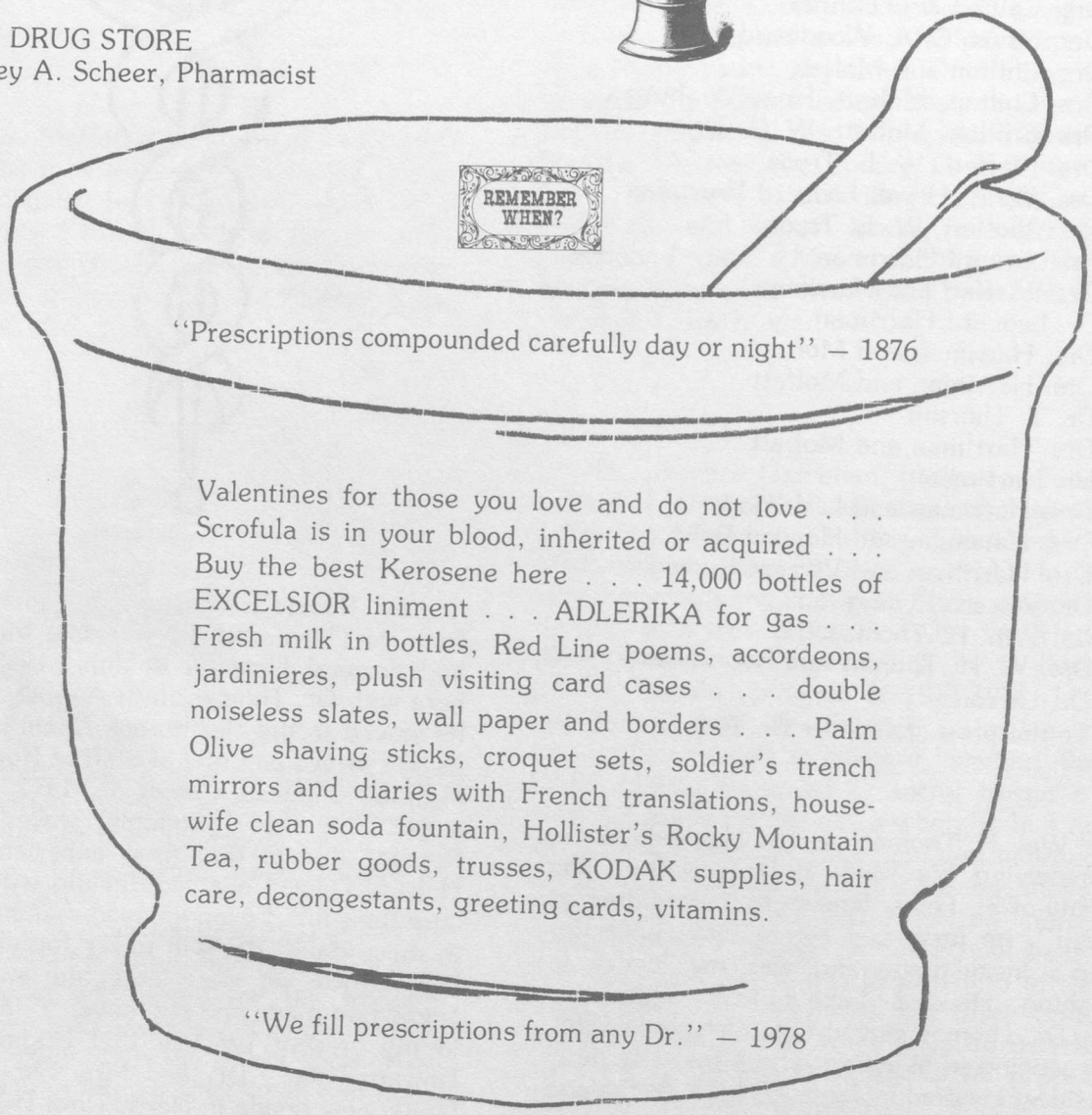
1891 PIONEER DRUG
H. A. Workman, Druggist

1903 KIESEL & LONG

1903 WORKMAN AND COMER DRUGS

1915 NEW DRUG STORE & CONFECTIONERY
Dr. W. E. Tryon, Pharmacist

1915 NEW DRUG STORE
Wesley A. Scheer, Pharmacist

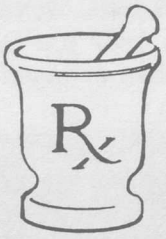


1917 HOWARD LAKE DRUG COMPANY
W. A. Scheer and R. E. Bushey

1937 HOWARD LAKE DRUG COMPANY
W. A. Scheer

1948—1978 HOWARD LAKE DRUG COMPANY
Robert S. Rekedal

1978 HOWARD LAKE DRUG COMPANY
John Ringold



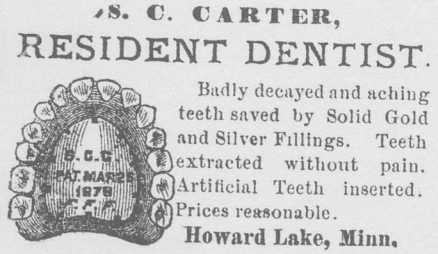
Native of Middleville, Wesley Scheer received his Pharmacy training at the University of Minnesota, and was in business here from 1915 to 1948, joining in partnership with Richard E. Bushey to form the Howard Lake Drug in 1917. Mr. Scheer, known as "Wes" was active in IOOF, a member of Presbyterian Church and American Legion. In 1926 he married Marguerite Higgins, daughter of "Sky Pilot" Rev. Frank and Mrs. Higgins. Wes retired in 1948, he died September 26, 1952, his wife on December 20, 1975, survived by two sons, Wesley G. of Bloomington and William F. H. of Duluth.

Graduate of North Dakota State University, Robert Rekedal came to Howard Lake in 1948 and has been in active business in the Howard Lake Drug until 1978. "Bob" is a member of the American, Minnesota, and North Dakota Pharmaceutical Associations, Howard Lodge #82 AF & AM, St. John's Church, American Legion, Minnesota Orchestral Association, Zuhrah Shrine Flyers' Unit, and founder-charter member of the International Cessna 170 Association. Mrs. Rekedal taught music and English for many years. Their son Brian died in 1969, Steven resides in Richmond, Virginia, Kirby in Baltimore, Maryland, and daughter Jane in Aromas, California.

DENTISTS

Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Carter, according to the May 8, 1890 Howard Lake Herald, "have made their regular monthly visits at this place during the past seven years. Both are experienced practical dentists, having had seventeen years active professional experience. Mrs. Carter is one of three lady dentists in the state and is thoroughly qualified to perform all branches of dental work. Monthly visits are made regularly at all towns along the line between Maple Plain and Cokato."

The Great Northwest Magazine of December, 1909, writes as follows: "Dr. S. C. Carter commenced the practice of dentistry near Cincinnati in 1865 and we now note his name among the successful practitioners of dentistry in Wright county, having located in 1882 at Howard Lake. Dr. Carter is by no means a specialist, but does pay particular attention to gold work and fillings, and is thoroughly posted in all branches of his profession and is prepared to do all kinds of modern dental work. He has all the latest innovations and appliances to do excellent work and what he guarantees is sure to be just what he represents. Dr. Carter is a consistent and upright man, liberal and popular in society as well as in business. At the last National Dental Association held in Minneapolis in 1907 the Doctor was the oldest member there, then engaged in practice."



The Carters were followed by Dr. George Means. His office was in the Means' Building, located where the Medical Clinic now stands.

Dr. Forest E. Staples followed Dr. Means. His office was above our present drug store. Dr. Richard Meintsma bought Dr. Staples' office in 1918 and continued his practice until 1966.

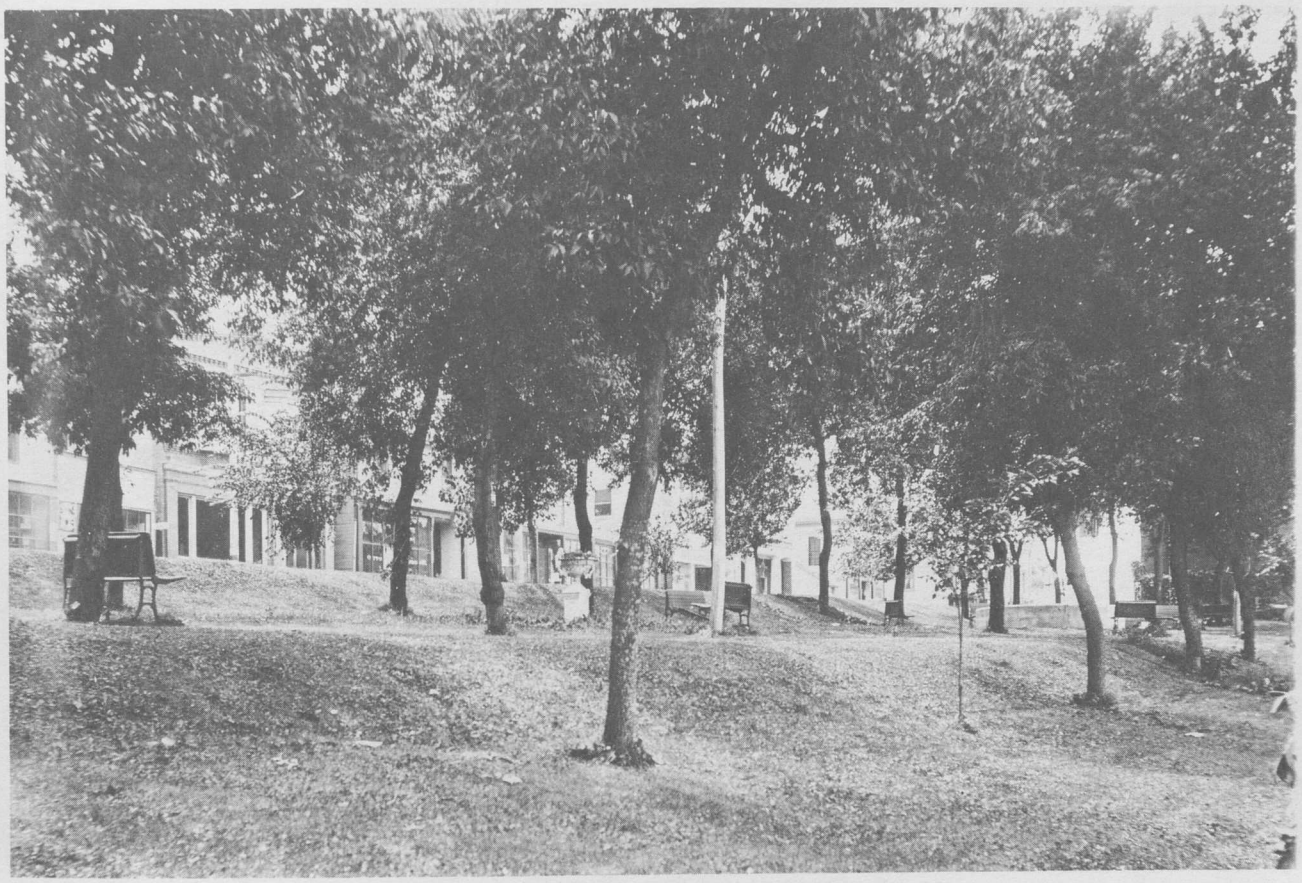
Dr. Ulvestad practiced dentistry in Howard Lake a short time preceding 1930. His office was in the Kritzeck Building, later known as the Rotsolk Building.

Dr. M. J. Scanlon came to Howard Lake in 1930, taking over Dr. Ulvestad's office. In 1931 Dr. Scanlon moved his office to the Judd Building. In 1938 he purchased the Rabinowitz clothing store and moved his office to that location. Dr. Scanlon died in 1955.

Dr. E. E. Thiesse took over Dr. Scanlon's office in 1955 and continues to practice there.

Ed Lewis Confectionery, site of Glessing Jewelry Building. Standing, left to right: August H. Birkholz, Unknown, "Gates" Albert Jestus. Seated, left to right: William Campbell, Friend Guthrie, Levi "Red" Jestus. Ed Lewis behind the counter.

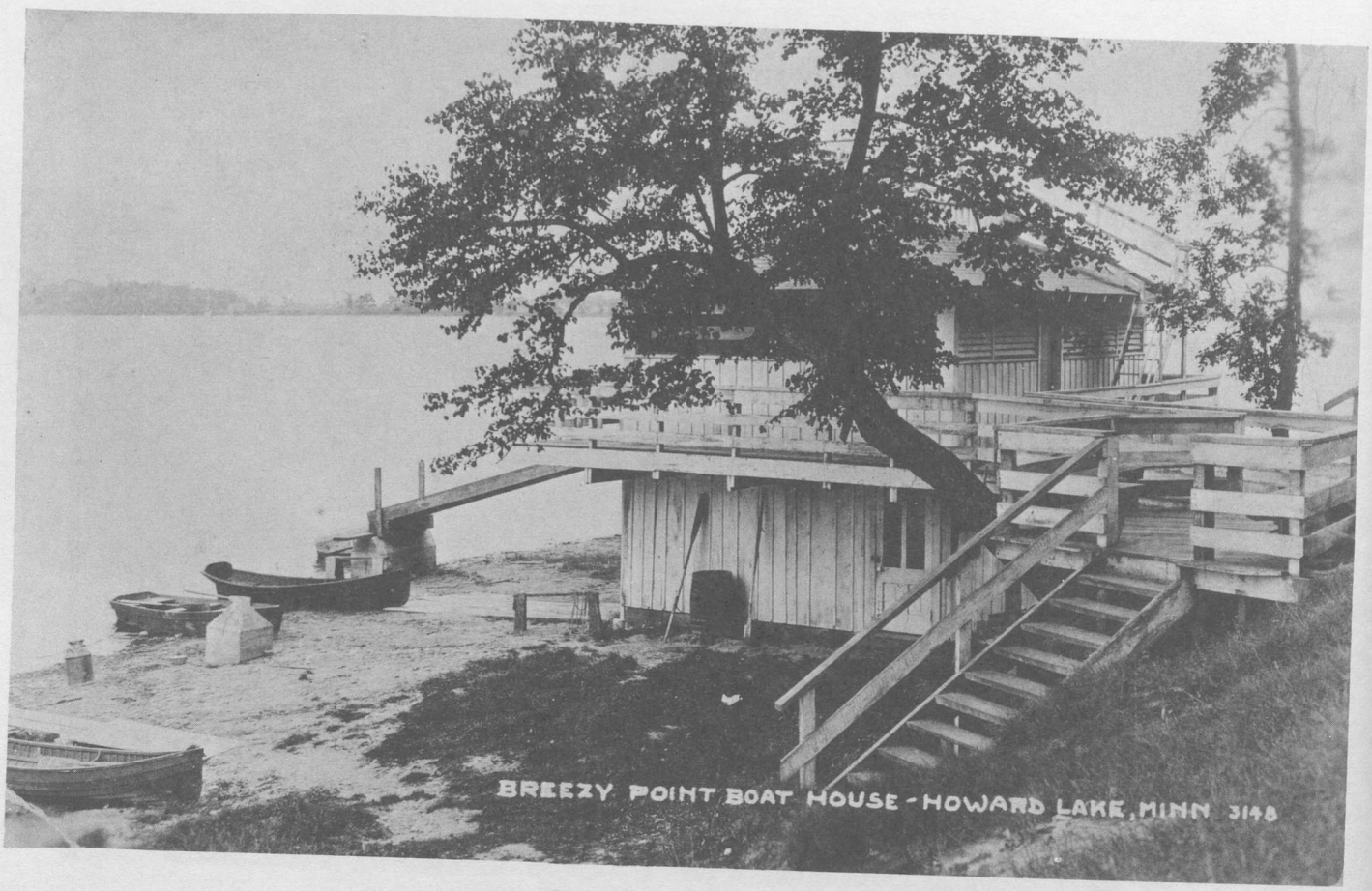
Old Park scenes, Howard Lake



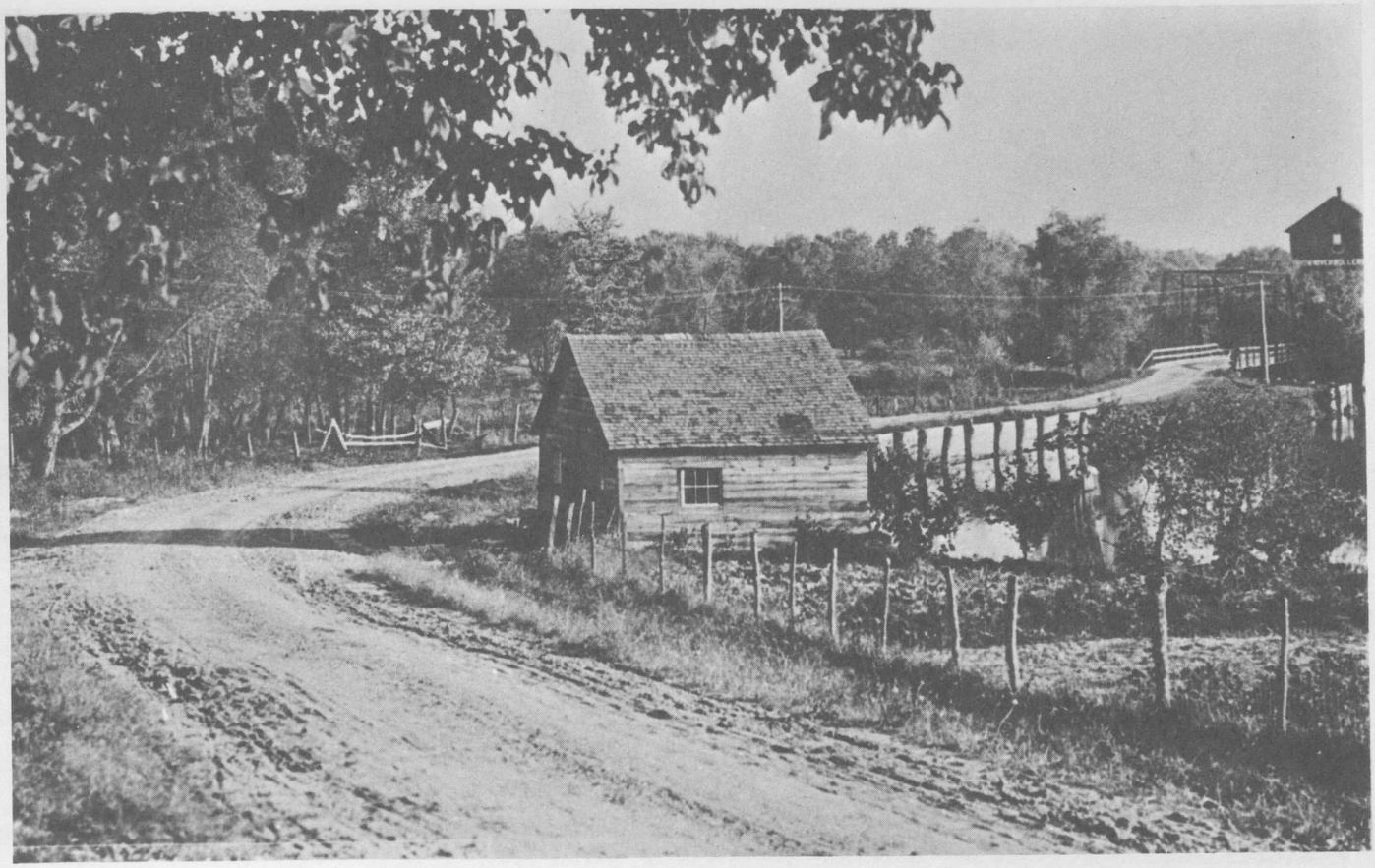
VETERINARY MEDICINE

Dr. Alvin L. Lee, better known as "Doc", graduated from Kansas City Veterinary College in 1916. After serving in the Veterinary Corps in France in W.W. I, he came to Howard Lake as a general practitioner and served the farmers of the area for 42 years. He tested cattle in Wright and other counties for T.B. and Bang's Disease. During the drought he bought stricken cattle in Texas for the Minnesota State Livestock board. After 40 years he was awarded life membership in the Minnesota Veterinary Society and the American Veterinary Medical Association. In 1931 he married a teacher, Flora Brower, and she still lives in Howard Lake. Doc retired from practice in 1957 and died in 1962.

Howard Lake Park (Note team of horses and buggy, left).

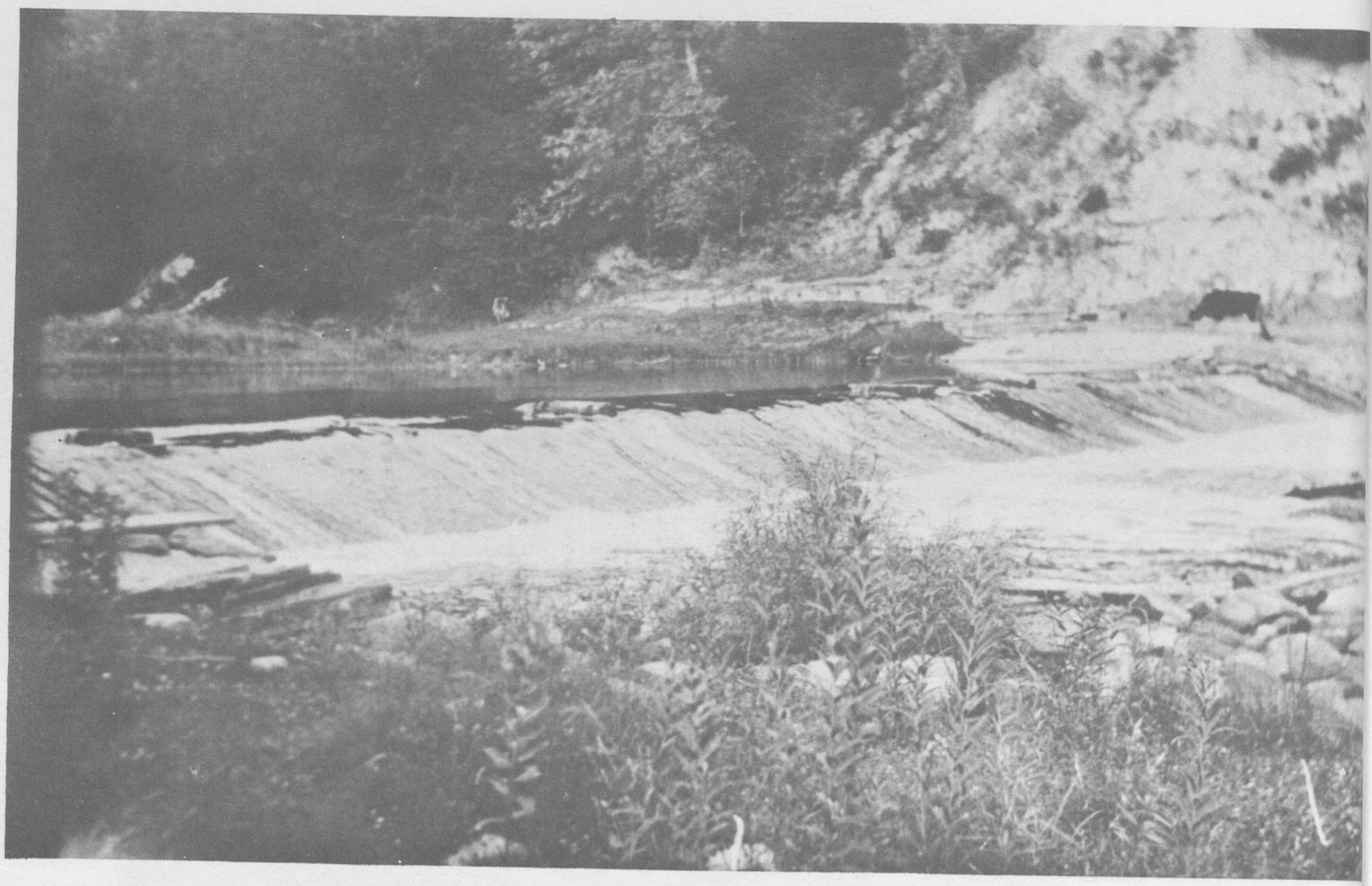


Breezy Point Boat House.



The Blacksmith Shop at Albright's.

Bridge across Crow River, Albright's Mill in the distance.



Dam in the Crow River at Albright's Mill.

Looking across the river at the Albright Mill.

Store at Albright's.

Crow River Roller Mills — Albright's.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Baptist Church of Howard Lake was inaugurated as early as 1859, when religious services were held at the home of Morgan V. Cochran by Rev. William Baisley.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishop Henry Whipple, in 1868, held services in Rockford and baptized two children in the Protestant Episcopal faith. Whipple was appointed Bishop of Minnesota in 1859 and travelled among settlers and Indians, teaching and preaching, and establishing mission schools. 1860, Whipple was in Monticello, Clearwater and Buffalo.

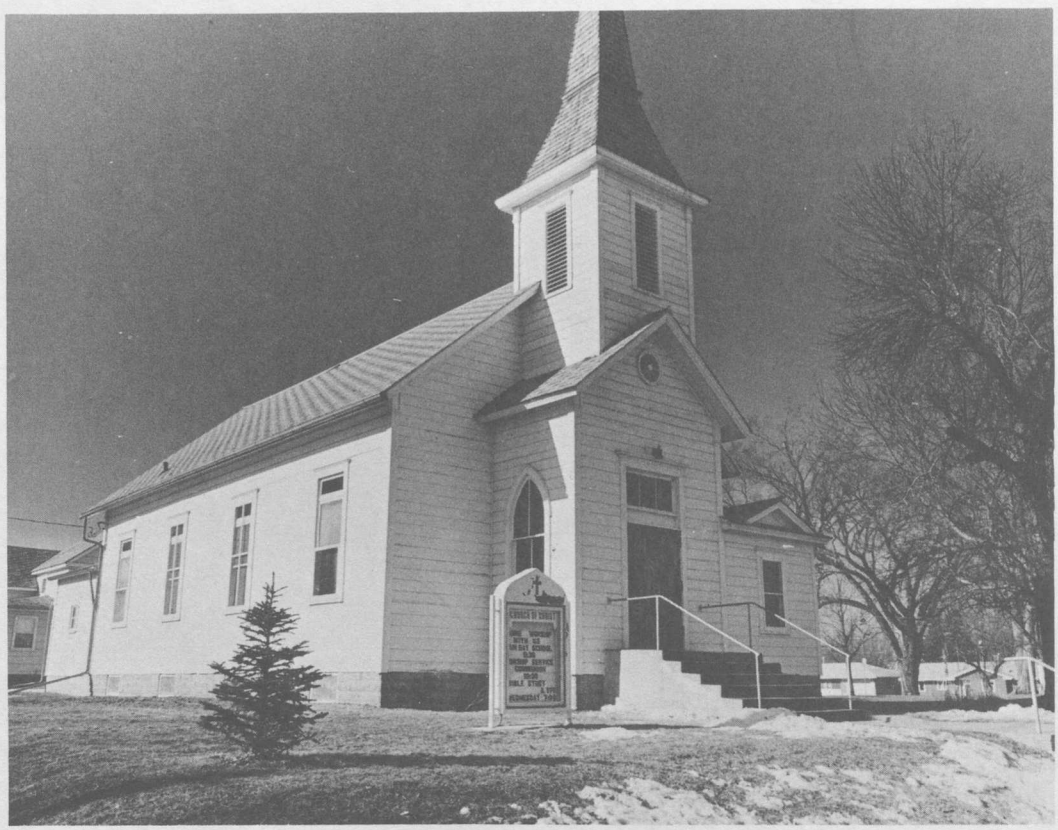
Howard Lake's Protestant congregation was visited in May, 1876 when Whipple confirmed 7 persons, then in 1881 he consecrated their new church.

QUAKERS

A Quaker society was organized at Howard Lake in 1870, meetings having previously been held at private houses, and afterward in the old school house until 1871, when a house of worship was erected (see 1880 lithograph). This house of worship stood on the spot later occupied by the Florence Zeidler house, and now incorporated into the new addition to the Public School, Humphrey Hall.

Many of the early settlers of Middleville were Quakers. In 1877 they built a Friends' meeting house on the southeast corner of Section 11, in the area near Highland Store. A cemetery in this area was legally moved when County Road No. 5 was straightened and a new bridge built across Crow River.

In 1879 the Quakers also built a large meeting house on the north side of the river, in the southeast corner of section 5, with a Friends' burying ground near the church. This seems to have been the spot where Sylvan Church was later located.



Church of Christ.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

In the year of our Lord August 16, 1874, it pleased God that Elder J. C. McReynolds should come in our midst by the aid of the Minnesota Christian Missionary Society and preach to us. So begins the history of the Howard Lake Church of Christ.

There were twelve faithful Christians who began the work. These twelve had resolved to organize by appointing all the scriptural officers and recognize the Bible as (their) rule of faith and practice, the organization to be known as the Church of Christ at Howard Lake. The meetings were held in the school house until the completion of the church building in 1875. The membership increased considerably, but the ministers were many and of short duration for the first fifty

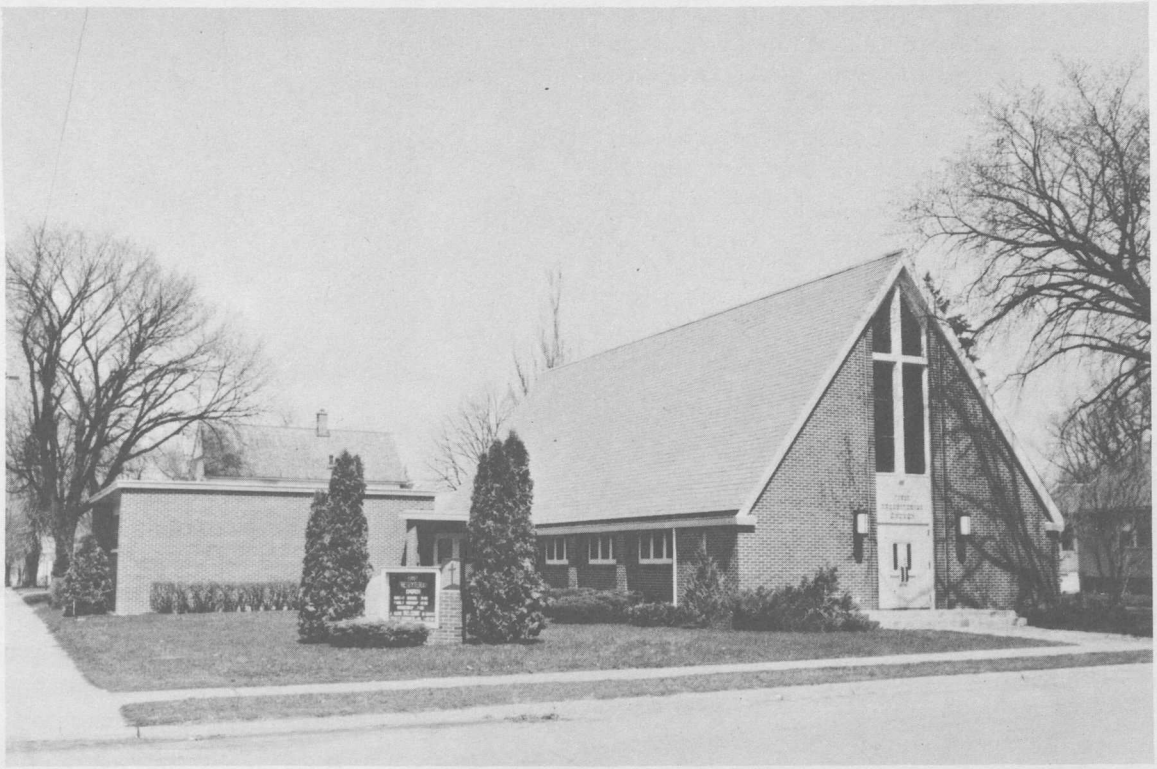
years due mostly to lack of funds to support them.

Through the years the Church has opened its doors to many visitors, and provided for them real spiritual worship.

The current Howard Lake Church of Christ fellowship is not unlike that of the past; they have always been known as a congregation which has shown love and concern for others, and this is just as true today. Due to many tithers, the Church is now flourishing, it has been paneled, the floors carpeted, the seats upholstered, new organ and piano added.

The ministers from 1918 on are as follows: E. P. Gabriel, 1918-1923; G. H. Cachiaras, 1923-1964; Harlow Robinson, 1964-1968; Duane Stanley, 1968-1972; David Bristol, 1972-1973; Rick Johnson, 1973-1974; and Preaching Elder Dale Rumsey, 1974-1978.

The current leadership includes: Elders — Irvin Steuck, Charlie Blanchette, John Mauk, Fritz Mahlstedt, and Paul Yates; Deacons and board members — Tony Entinger, Dennis Entinger, Jack Hubbell, Myron Boll, Rollie Miller and Emmett Berry.



First Presbyterian Church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The First Presbyterian Church in Howard Lake, Minnesota celebrated its Centennial Anniversary in 1975. The church was founded by immigrants to the community in 1875. The first wood frame building was dedicated on December 28, 1879. This building served until 1951 when it was dismantled to provide space for a new structure. The new brick church building was dedicated on June 29, 1952 and presently is located on the corner of 8th Avenue and 9th Street in Howard Lake. In 1962 an addition to provide additional space for Sunday School was added to the building. The present pastor is the Rev. Dwight R. Chamberlain.

The congregation seeks to glorify and serve its Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A variety of opportunities are offered to all the members for Christian worship, nurture, education, fellowship and service. An active Sunday School and Youth Fellowship are provided for boys and girls and youth. A Senior Choir, Junior High Choir and Cherub Choir provide inspiration through music. Beyond the local community, the church has been deeply committed to supporting Christian missions in this country and overseas.

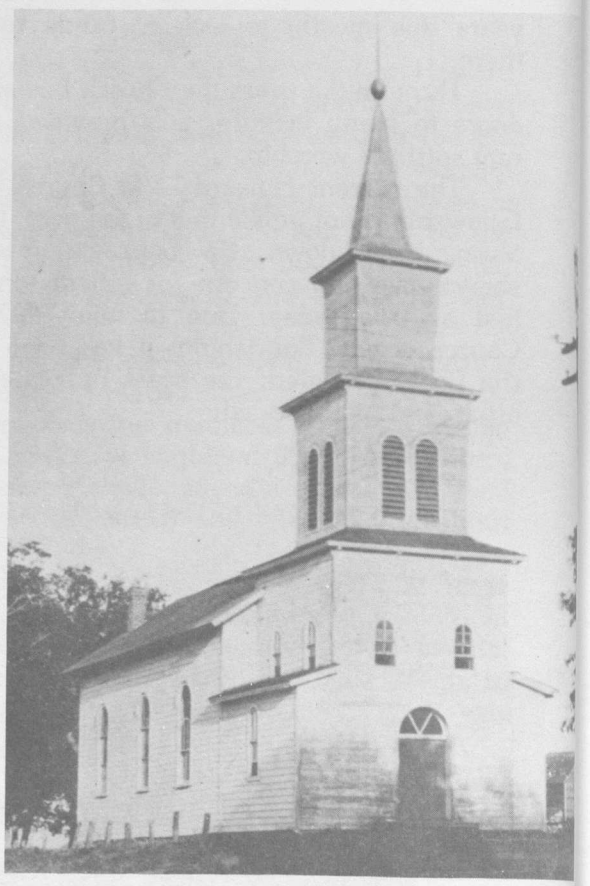
The congregation is grateful to God for His goodness and mercy and for being able to be a part of Howard Lake during these past 100 years. In the future our community will be blessed and prosper as all the citizens live in harmony with God's will.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

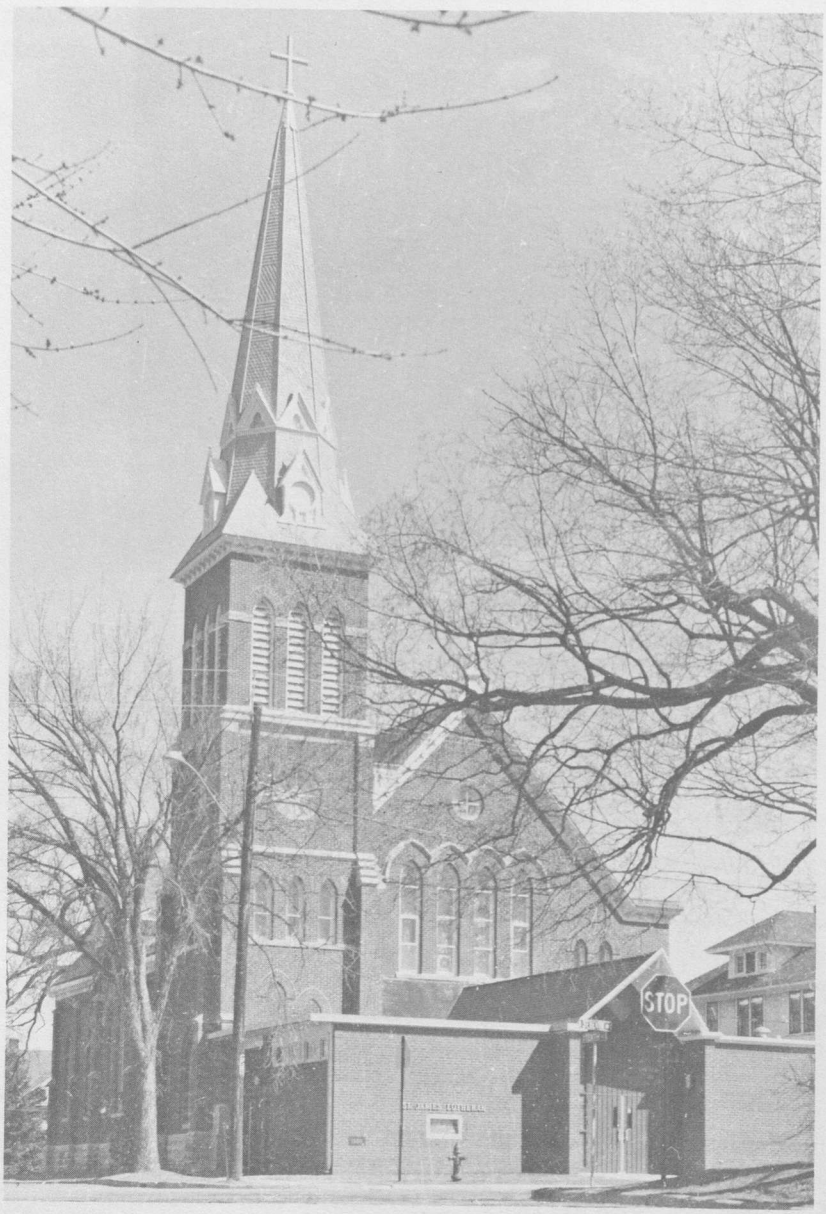
St. James Lutheran Church, at 10th Street and 7th Avenue, traces its beginning to the decade preceding the incorporation of the village. As German Lutherans settled in the forested area around Howard Lake they began to have worship services in various homes around Dutch Lake. The congregation was organized in 1872, but not incorporated until December of 1875. From the beginning it took the doctrinal position of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Until the year 1879 it was served by Pastor F. Boesche of Hollywood Township in Carver County.

The history of the congregation can roughly be divided into four parts. The first period under the leadership of the Rev. F. H. Kolbe can well be called the period of planting and ingathering. It was during this period (1875-1907) that the present church was erected, with members donating much work. This was also the time when people really had to struggle to support the church.

The second period was a period of emphasis on Christian education after the debt on the building had been retired under the leadership of Pastor E. Robert. During the pastorate of the Rev. A. L. Oetjen the parsonage and the front section of the school were built. The school itself was begun in 1918. The Sunday School began to function in 1925.



St. James German Lutheran Church, 1878-1903.



St. James Lutheran Church, 1978.

The third period can well be called the period of consolidation and of Christian nurture, and the pastors were C. G. Seltz, E. N. Seltz and Theo. Melinat. All kinds of congregational activity flourished during that time.

The last period can be called a period of enlarging and equipping the plant of the congregation, a time during which the school was enlarged twice, adequate parking space was acquired, a front addition was built on the church, a second parsonage purchased and the other improvements were made. During this time the congregation was served by pastors Theo. Melinat, Gerhard C. Michael, Sr. and Gary D. Lodholz.

Throughout these years the congregation has remained loyal to its doctrinal stand on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It has grown from a handful of members to a present count of about 1270 souls and 1000 communicants. At present it is served by the Rev. Dr. Gerhard C. Michael as pastor, and Mr. Edward R. Weerts as principal of the Christian Day School which it operates.

St. James Lutheran School, 1978.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

From its very beginning St. James Lutheran Church, 10th Street and 7th Avenue, was determined to educate its children to become both good citizens of God's kingdom and of the United States. For the first forty years this effort was in the hands of the pastor of the congregation. He taught the upper grades religion as well as German reading and writing.

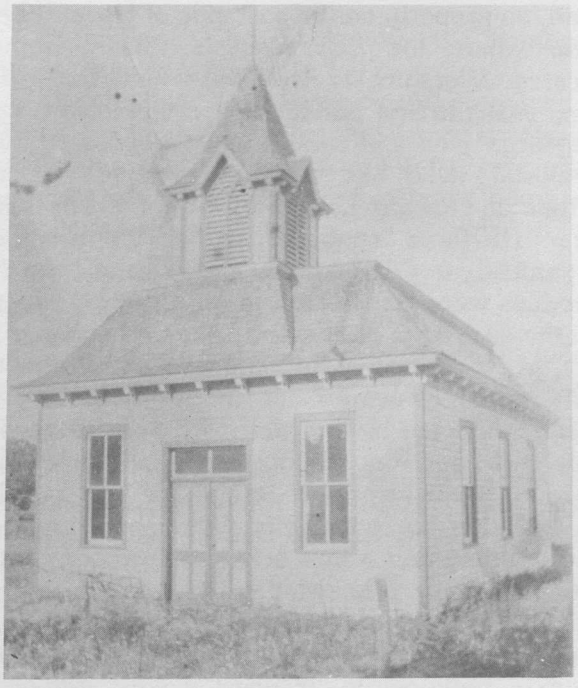
In the year 1918 the first section of the present school building was erected, and a teacher was engaged for grades 6-8. All subjects were taught from the viewpoint of God's Word, and all discipline was carried out from the same frame of reference. Beginning with 1920 the school had a regularly called principal, the first having been Mr. Henry Miller, with Mr. Edward Weerts principal at the present time.

Over the course of the years grades were added until all eight grades were taught. The staff also increased until it reached seven teachers. This fall a Kindergarten is to be added.

As the enrollment increased it became necessary to increase the plant. During 1951-52 a major addition was built mostly with volunteer labor. Another addition of four classrooms and staff room was erected in 1967.

Graduates from St. James have done well scholastically, and they have also contributed to the music and athletic programs of the Howard Lake High School. The relationship that has existed between the two schools has been excellent throughout the years.

The school has been supported by St. James Lutheran Church, and tuition has not been charged any members of the congregation. The Parent-Teacher League has also provided fine support to the program of the school. The school has helped train good members for the congregation as well as good citizens for our country. It is looking forward to rendering continued service to the congregation and the community of Howard Lake.



St. James Lutheran School, 1898-1918.

Walker United Methodist Church.

WALKER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

During the years 1865 to 1869 two Methodist "Home Missionaries" scouted the area where the village of Howard Lake now stands, intent on "preaching the Gospel and establishing a church."

In 1869 a log cabin parsonage was built for one of these missionaries, Reverend John Sherman, on property on the east side of Howard Lake near where the Lew Roberts Resort is now located. Worship services were held here. The next year the first Sunday School in Howard Lake was organized and superintended by Mr. Edwin Brewster, who has been referred to as "the father of Howard Lake Methodism." The same year (1870) a congregation of 39 members organized a Methodist Church and worship services were transferred to an old room located on the east edge of Howard Lake on Highway 12.

In 1872 a school building was erected for the children of Howard Lake and worship services were conducted by the Methodists on Sundays in this building. Rev. Stuntz and Rev. Cline were the first resident pastors in Howard Lake. Within a few years the school population had outgrown the building and a new school at a more central site was built. The Methodists bought the old school and after making some alterations, dedicated it as a house of worship: the first church building in Howard Lake. Additional improvements were made on the building in 1880 and 1892.

In 1900, through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Workman, a site was purchased and another parsonage built at what is now 909 - 8th Street. The building was sold in 1945 when it was no longer felt necessary for the church to own its own parsonage.

The church grew. After thorough study it was decided to be too costly to repair the old building, and through the inspiration and generosity of Mrs. T. B. (Harriet G.) Walker of Minneapolis, it was decided to tear down the old church and build a new one, naming it "The Harriet G. Walker Memorial Methodist Church of Howard Lake." This was in 1912 and is our present church. The pastor at the time was Rev. Crawford Grays, a great worker with youth and sports enthusiast. In order to give the youth of the church and community a place in which to practice and play basketball, the basement (present Social Hall) was dug much deeper than normal.

In 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Walker, son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. (Harriet G.) Walker, gave generously for much-needed repairs on the church and to help purchase a lot for a new parsonage. In 1962, the present parsonage was built at 805 - 5th Avenue with the aid of much voluntary labor.

In 1970, the legal name of the church was

changed to the Walker United Methodist Church. This action was necessitated by the union of the former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren denominations in May, 1968, into the United Methodist Church.

Throughout most of its history, the Walker United Methodist Church has been linked for pastoral charge with other United Methodist Churches: Delano, Lester Prairie and Montrose.

The membership of the Howard Lake Church as of April 1st is 135 and they, along with members of the Montrose United Methodist Church, are served by Reverend Otis P. Borop.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Middleville Township.

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MIDDLEVILLE TOWNSHIP

Pastor Carl Mende of Albany, Minnesota came to Albion Township once a month in 1876 to conduct church services in a schoolhouse. By 1878 he had gathered enough followers to organize a congregation. This was the beginning of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Middleville. The first church building was a log structure which was used until the present building was erected in 1899. Forty years later, in 1939, a full basement was added. Stained glass windows were installed after World War II.

All services were conducted in the German language until 1915 when the congregation gave Rev. Streufert the privilege of having four to six English services a year. By 1928 English services had increased to one per month. Use of the German language decreased, and was discontinued in 1956.

The present parsonage was designed by Rev. Streufert and was erected in 1915 at a total cost of $2,500.

Bethlehem Church joined the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in 1917.

The Ladies Aid Society was organized in 1936 and joined the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in 1949. There are thirty-one active members who serve the Lord in many home and foreign mission projects.

A lovely pipe organ was purchased in 1902 and is still in use today.

Bethlehem operated a Christian Day School for grades one through eight until it was discontinued in 1971.

There have been seventeen pastors in these past one hundred years. The first resident pastor was Rev. E. J. Stahlke, and the present pastor is Rev. Allen F. Mack.

The congregation will commemorate its centennial year with special services on August 13, 1978.

St. John's Lutheran Church.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. John's Lutheran Church of Howard Lake, a congregation of the American Lutheran Church, traces its history back to March 2nd, 1884. Its first name was in German, and loosely translated, was "Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation of Unaltered Augsburg Confession". The congregation began with 17 charter members, and now has 450 baptized members.

Originally located near the city water tower, the congregation moved to the west end of town in 1949, with a basement structure serving as the worship and Sunday School area. In January of 1954, the present parsonage was dedicated with Pastor A. J. Melom as its first resident. The house of worship was completed in its present form on December 22nd, 1955, with the dedication of the new sanctuary taking place on January 29, 1956. Due to a shortage of religious education space, a Wausau home was purchased in June of 1974 near the church.

St. John's has been served full time by the following pastors: Rev. J. Vollmer, Rev. J. Buerkly, Rev. C. Althof, Rev. F. Ficken, Rev. H. Prohl, Rev. R. Kohlrush, Rev. George L. Matthiae, Rev. F. Wippermann, Prof. L. W. Moench, Rev. O. E. Kunz, Rev. Karl J. Graf, Dr. Karl Ermisch, Rev. Arnold J. Melom, Rev. Helmut E. Piir, Rev. Michael Rogness, Rev. Gerald Erickson, and Rev. Vern Skarstad. Present pastor is Rev. Edwin H. Maas.

St. John's gives thanks to Almighty God for the blessings it has experienced during its existence here in Howard Lake. We salute the community upon its first centennial and pledge our efforts to support Howard Lake as it strives for progress and service to its citizens and to those nearby.

FARM STRIKERS CAUSE EXCITEMENT IN HOWARD LAKE — 500 HERE TO STOP LIVESTOCK SHIPPING BY RAIL

(October 13, 1932, Howard Lake Herald)

Howard Lake was the scene of considerable excitement Wednesday when farm pickets gathered at the stockyards to prevent the Farmers' Shipping Association from shipping stock by train. The pickets were on hand before daylight and had a bonfire going to keep warm. They also had a tent pitched near the stockyards, and picketers' trucks were parked at the entrance of the unloading chutes.

The excitement started at about 8:30 when Mayor A. G. Kemper and Al Yager took a veal calf to the stockyards. At that time there were about 50 strikers on the job and apparently they had not become warmed up to the work. At any rate, the calf was unloaded, with the assistance of Sheriff Paul Kritzeck and several deputies.

Shortly after this, Orrin Fisher brought in three veals in a light Ford truck. Belts studded with nails were laid across the road leading from the highway to the stockyards and Orrin ran across the belt, managing to escape without a puncture. Then pickets grabbed the steering wheel and turned the car completely around, so it was again heading toward the stockyards. Orrin put on the gas and drove up to the unloading

Howard Lake Stockyards, early 1900's.

gates with pickets hanging around all sides of the car. One woman who claimed she was hit by the car, rode around on the fender, finally falling off and suffering bruises. Deputies and spectators assisted in unloading the veals.

Picketers telephoned for re-enforcements and in a short while loads of men in trucks swarmed into town from far distance. At this time the number of pickets was estimated to be around 500 men and women. A council of war was held on the east side of the stockyards and it was decided to storm the sheds where the animals were quartered. Heavy gates were used as battering rams and a small opening was broken in the side of one of the sheds. A fight took place between the picketers and the sheriff's forces during the course of which H. W. Vogel was kicked above the eye and cut so badly that two stitches were needed to close the wound. Others received cuts and bruises also.

Over 95 per cent of the strikers here were outsiders.

A fleet of four stock trucks loaded with livestock, going east, was stopped by the pickets on No. 10 near the Masonic Hall. After some argument, they attempted to run the blockade, but were stopped again near the stockyards. At this time endgates were torn off of two of the trucks in an attempt to turn the stock loose. Officials managed to keep the stock in the trucks and replace the endgates. The trucks started up again but picketers hung onto two of them and forced the drivers from the pavement near the Nott farm. Archie King of Grove City, driving the third truck in the caravan, was struck on the head and knocked out. They finally started on their way. Picketers then piled into cars and trucks, taking spiked belts along and pursued the cattle trucks.

Other loads of beef, hogs and veal were brought in and after more or less trouble were unloaded in the yards. A load of hogs with Leo Manor as driver backed up to the unloading pens, but the picketers in full force shoved the load into the ditch and threw a rock thru the windshield. The truck was later pushed onto the highway. Another truckload was treated in the same manner. These loads were not unloaded.

While a large number of the pickets were away from the stockyards, an attempt was made by the shipping association to load what stock was in the yards into a cattle car on the tracks. Picketers then got around the car and shoved it down the track, so that it was impossible to load the animals into the car.

While this was going on a trainload of 52 cars loaded with livestock whizzed thru town, on its way to the markets.

Arguments were in force during the day and at one time pickets threatened to again break into the yards and run the stock out. At different times the crowd was harangued by soap-box orators. At about 3 p.m. E. A. Dahlberg, manager of the shipping association informed the leaders of pickets that under law the stock could not be taken back to the farms after once being put into the stockyards, because of sanitary regulations. They then agreed to let the stock be shipped on condition that no more would be

Howard Lake Stockyards (1914-1916?), left to right: John Weaver, Bud Cofer, Cletus Rausch, Fred Rausch, Ed Rausch, Gottlieb Eppler, and Frank Horton.

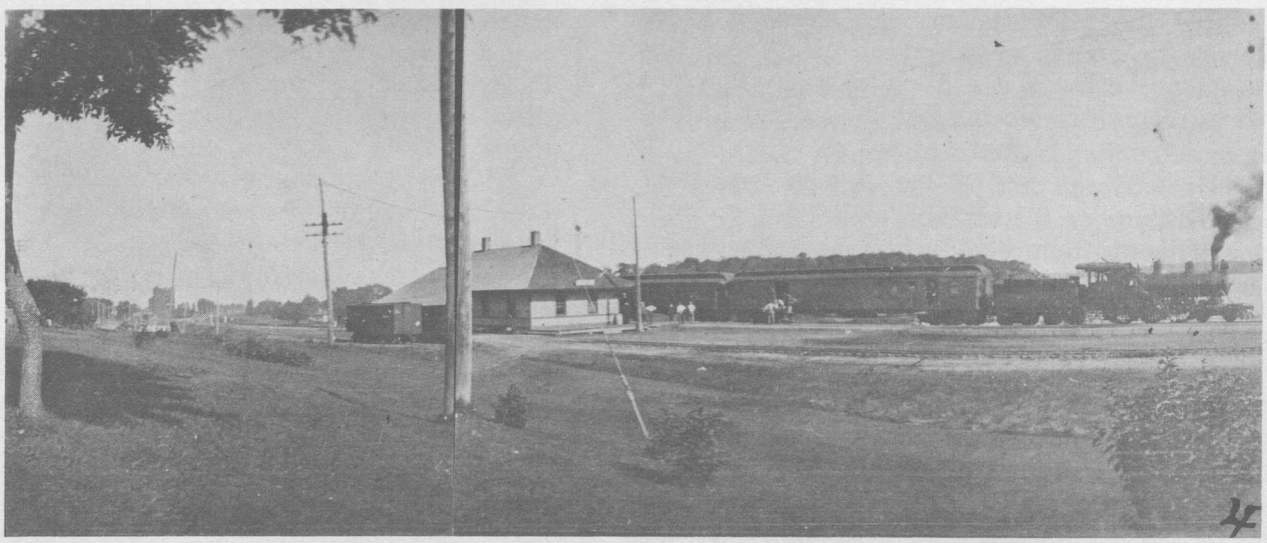
shipped from this place until a general settlement was reached with the Farmer's Holiday Association. The railroad car was then pushed back to the entrance of the yards and the stock loaded and shipped to So. St. Paul.

The streets of the village and along on both sides of highway No. 10 for a couple of blocks were lined with cars and trucks. At times the highway was blocked, but not a single highway patrolman came thru to look after traffic.

Truck Driver's Condition Reported Serious

A wire to the Herald from the Litchfield hospital this morning at 7:30 states that the condition of Archie King, Grove City truck driver, is serious.

Archie King, 30, Grove City who is reported to have been hit on the head as he was driving a load of livestock thru the picket lines at Howard Lake at noon yesterday, is unable to give a clear account of what happened. Other truck drivers in the caravan stated that the first they noticed was when he fell from his truck to the pavement a short distance east of the village. A companion, who was in the back of the truck saw him fall and grabbed the steering wheel and kept the machine from going into the ditch.

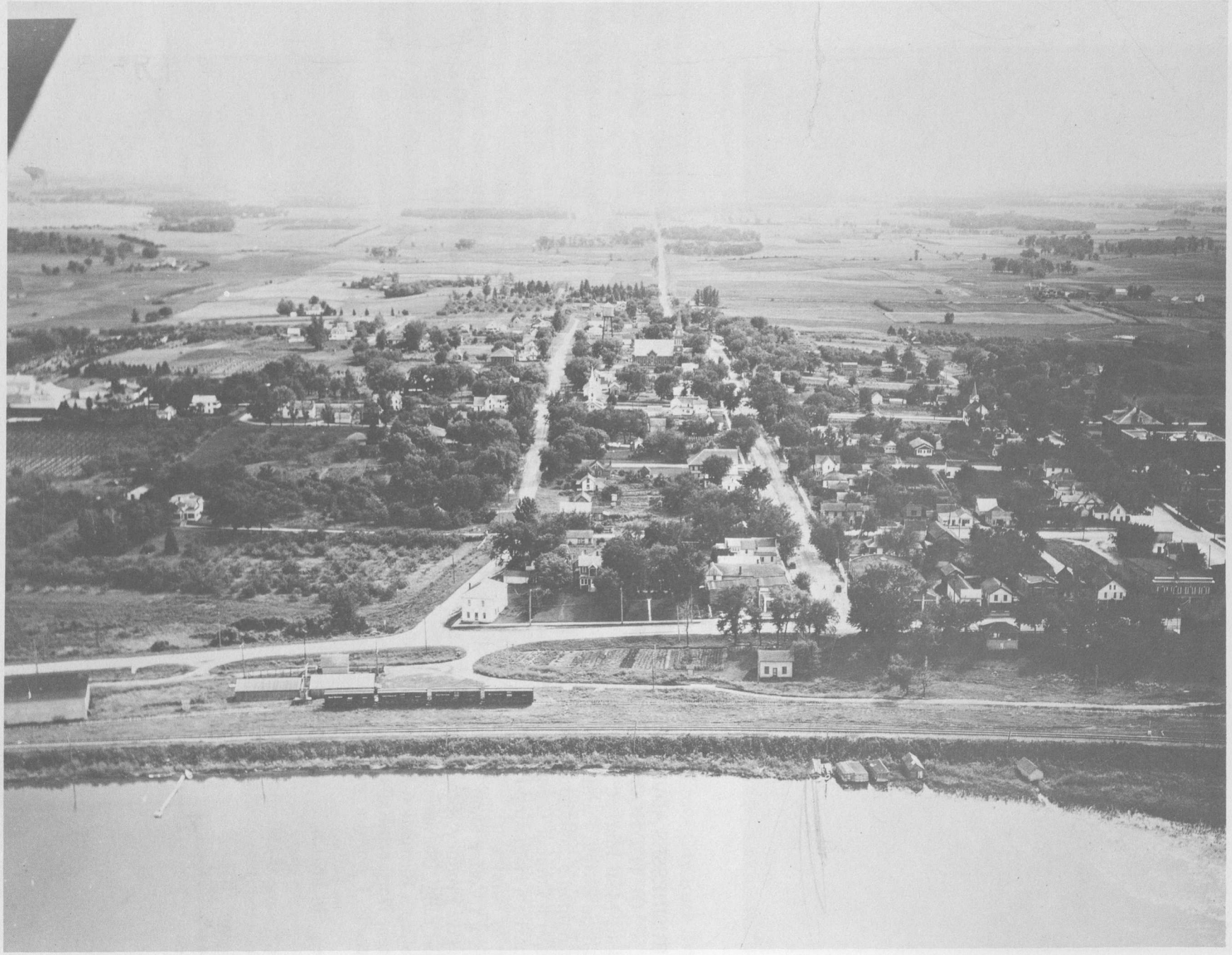


The morning passenger train in Howard Lake.

Howard Lake Hardware Co., Allen Narverud, Proprietor, about 1935.

BUSINESSES ADVERTISING IN 1940 ISSUES OF THE HOWARD LAKE HERALD

Akins Meat Market, Allen Akins.
George Boxell, Furniture.
Bringman's Standard Service, Henry Bringman.
Central Lumber Company, Herb Skjod, Mgr.
Charlie's Hamburger Shop, Charles Langford.
Cities Service.
Clara's Coffee Shop
Custer Produce, Groceries, Jim Custer.
Don Ellig, Blacksmith.
Gallup's Recreation Parlor, Dick Gallup.
Great Northern Railway, Carl Steen, Agent.
Greelis Furniture and Funeral Home, Vincent Greelis.
Otto Hackbarth, Shell Petroleum Products, Tank Service.
Dr. Leonard Harriman, Physician and Surgeon.
Heuer Service Station, F. H. Heuer.
Howard Lake Bakery, F. Stein.
Howard Lake Drug Company, W. A. Scheer.
Howard Lake Hardware Company, Allen Narverud.
Howard Lake Herald. Owen Konchal.
Howard Lake Roller Mills, Charles Moore.
Howato Telephone Company.
Henry A. Ittel, Meat Market.
A. L. Jenneke, Distributor, Co-op Oil Company.
J. Anton Johnson, Harness and Shoes.
O. P. Jungclaus Company, Groceries and Dry Goods.
Kom-On-Inn, Willard Workman.
George Krohn, Jr., Insurance.
Lake View Cafe, Ambrose Schaust.
Larson Motor Company.
Lawson Motor Company.
Dr. A. L. Lee, Veterinary Surgeon — 1918-1957.
George Main, Distributor.
Dr. R. S. Meintsma, Dentist.
Mike Mertzacker, Blacksmithing.
Model Eat Shop, Paul Rotsolk.
Claude Moorhead, Plymouth and Dodge Cars.
Moorhead & Beckman, Dodge Cars.
Municipal Liquor Store.
Elmer V. Murphy, Attorney at Law.
Nord's Produce & Electrical Appliances, Al Nord.
A. R. Northrop, Gas Station.
Ollie's Dress Shop, Ollie Klucas.
Olson's Coffee Shop.
Peavey Elevator Company, Freeman E. Hawkins, Agent.
Phillip's 66 Service Station.
Fred Rausch & Son, Produce.
Red & White Store, John Rasmussen.
Red Owl Store, E. W. Chambers.
Dr. Howard Rolig, Physician & Surgeon.
Dr. M. J. Scanlon, Dentist.
Security State Bank, A. G. Reiter.
Shell Oil Station, E. Y. Koenig, Manager.
Ed Shepperd, Gas Station.
Shepperd Motor Sales, M. G. Shepperd.
Stewart's Meat Market, Charles Stewart.
Strache Bros. Hardware, Art and Herb Strache.
Triangle Theatre.
L. E. Woodward & Sons, Electricians.
Workman's Upholstery Shop, Willard Workman.

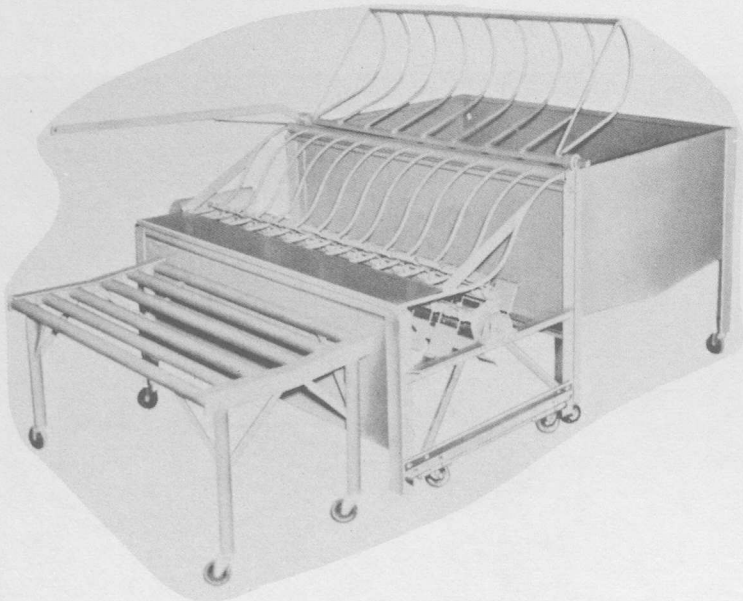


Aerial view of Howard Lake, 1934 or 1935, looking south.

Aerial view of Howard Lake, looking east, 1934 or 1935. Note that Mud Lake was dry when picture was taken. Ed Bechtle is shown cutting marsh grass to be used for hay.

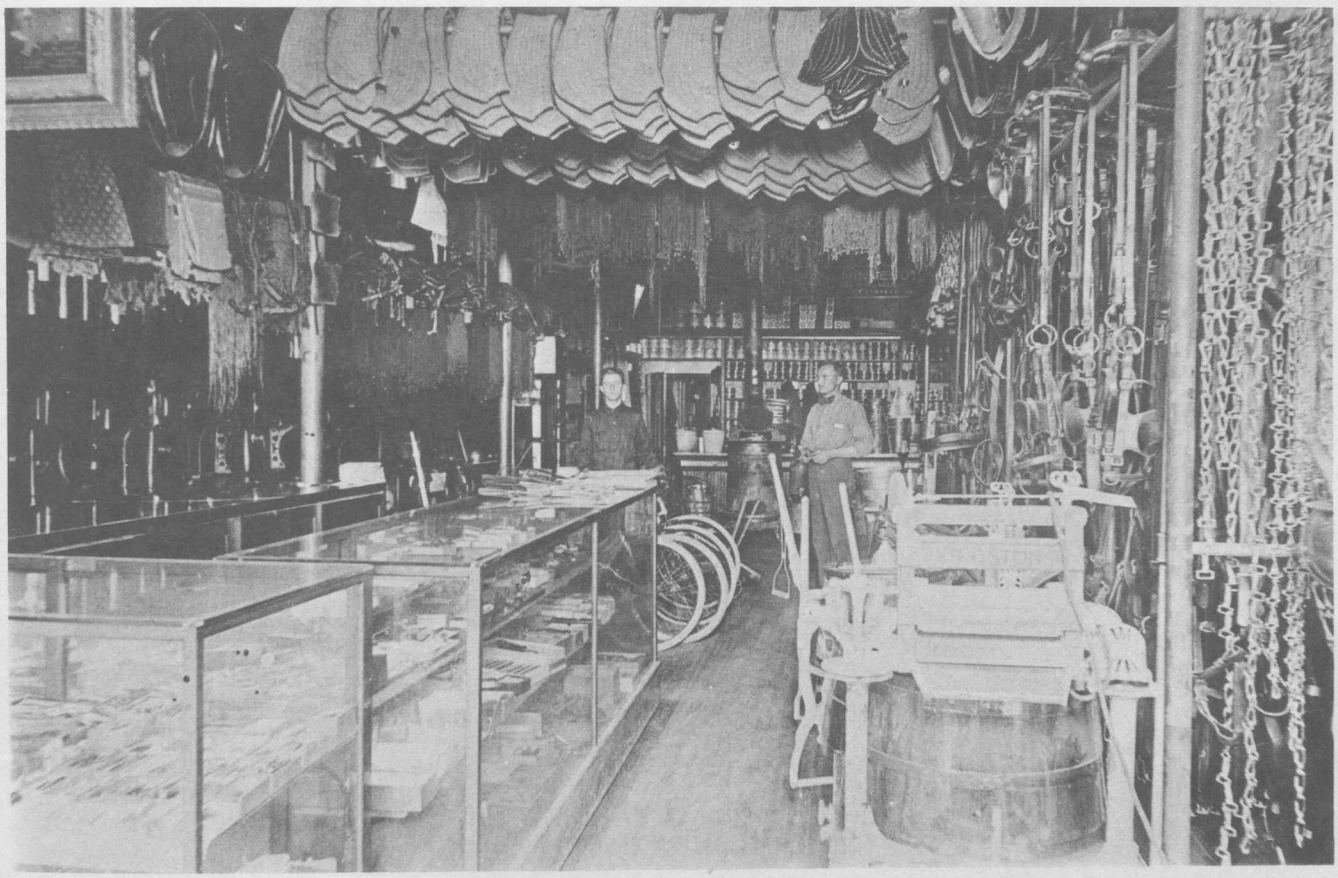
ITTEL HOG DEHAIRER

Invented by Henry Ittel, owner of Ittel's Meat Market, in 1948, and engineered and marketed by Roy Farchmin, the hog dehairer provides a quick method of cleaning hogs. The butchered hog is laid in a tank-like bowl and, by being scalded, revolved and scraped by a series of brushes, the hog is cleaned and dehaired in about three minutes' time. Over 3,000 dehairers have been sold and it is still listed in butchers' catalogues. The dehairer was patented through the U.S Patent Office.



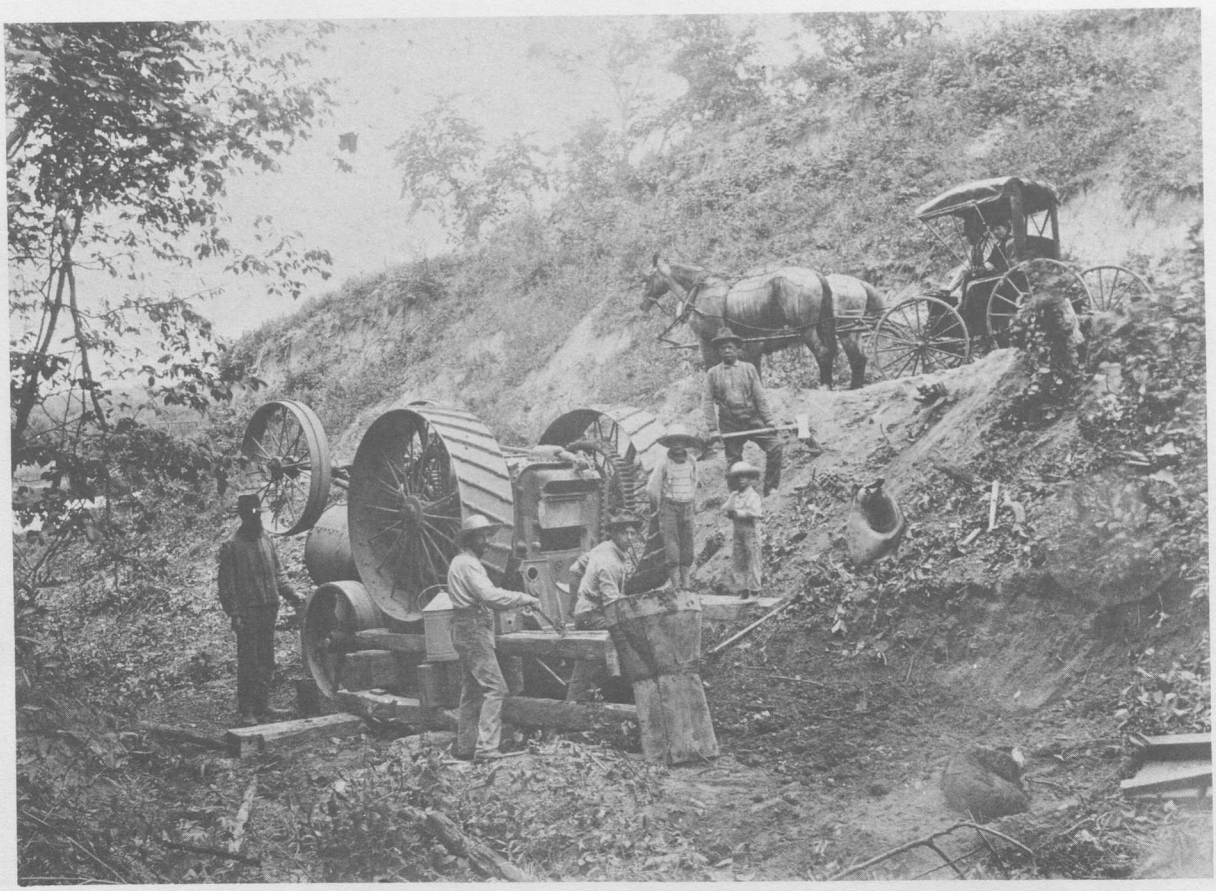
Highland Store (above) located North of Howard Lake. Charlie Anderson (right) waiting on a customer at Highland Store.

Highland Store, 1918. Front, Otto Peter, back row, left to right, Sam Wicker, George Main, William Anderson, James D. Lind, Edgar Kier, August Lind, William Main, and Vernon Anderson.



Koenig Hardware.

Big livery barn is on the site of the present Security State Bank Building.



Fred Rausch and Will Rausch in buggy looking over the plight of the overturned tractor near Albright's Mill, 1910.

Henry Luhman Strawberry Patch, front row, left to right: Henry Luhman, W. K. Zander, Elmer Zander, Victor Zander, Ed Luhman, Susie Montgomery, Mildred Woods, Unknown. Back row, left to right: Florence Luhman, Violet Anders, Elsie Gerber, Esther Vogel, Lillian Gerber, Mrs. Henry Luhman, Alma Birkholz, Rika Birkholz, Mrs. August Birkholz, Mrs. "Jack" McVeety, and last 3 unknown.

FRUIT GROWING AND PROPAGATION

In times past, horticulture was a very important business in the Howard Lake community. It would be difficult to list the names of all people who commercially grew various kinds of fruit and vegetables. About the only operation still active is the Jensen Orchard, which once was the Harold Simmons orchard, and was next operated by a Mr. Nelson from Montana. The first nursery was started in Howard Lake by E. J. Cutts, who also was a statewide lecturer on horticulture in 1880. After his death in 1897 the nursery was sold to W. L. Taylor. The 1901 Souvenir edition of From the Lens Of A Camera shows a picture of the W. L. Taylor Vineyard, which appears to have been located south of the present Jensen Orchard.

William H. Eddy, proprietor of the Howard Lake and Victor Nurseries, was born in Hollywood township, Carver county, Minnesota on June 26, 1869, son of Erastus A. and Henrietta (Althoff) Eddy, the pioneers. After leaving home he worked seven years for E. J. Cutts, the nurseryman, at Howard Lake. In 1895 he bought a tract of eighty acres three miles southwest of Howard Lake, in Victor township, where he started the propagation of nursery stock. In 1900 he added 120 acres more to this tract, and materially increased his operations. In 1906 he bought a tract of forty acres constituting the Howard Lake Nursery. This was later enlarged to eighty-three acres. Mr. Eddy had a large orchard on the area west of the present Disposal Plant and of Mud Lake. He also owned a twenty-acre tract west of the village, which was used as a place to raise young fruit trees. Aside from propagating the usual trees and shrubs, both fruit-bearing and ornamental, Mr. Eddy brought out a new apple known as the "Eddy". At one time the Howard Lake & Victor Nurseries had 80 salesmen representing the Nursery in the Northwest.

Paul Eddy and Sons started a nursery in the west part of Howard Lake which was maintained for twenty-five years.

A. N. Carter, for whom Carter Street was named, operated the Big Stone Orchard. The large stone identifying this orchard is still in place southwest of Howard Lake in Section 9. Later, Fred Westphal owned and operated this orchard.

Dr. A. G. Moffat planted a fine orchard about the years of 1914-1920 west of Howard Lake in Section 4. This orchard was next owned and operated by Ed Luhman in 1940, and later by Walter Luhman.

In 1912 Henry Luhman started an orchard of about 5 acres and a small fruit growing venture to which he devoted his full time in 1936, after

retiring from General Contracting, and continued this until 1954. Along with the commercial fruit growing operation, he propagated apple and plum trees for retail and wholesale. He tested, grew and propagated many of the fruit tree varieties developed by the Minnesota Fruit Experiment Farm near Excelsior. In 1934 Eldon A. Luhman started the first overhead irrigation of strawberries in this area on part of the Stoll farm east of Howard Lake.

Robert Lorentz, a salesman for Eddy Nursery, grew several acres each of strawberries and raspberries on a farm south of Howard Lake.

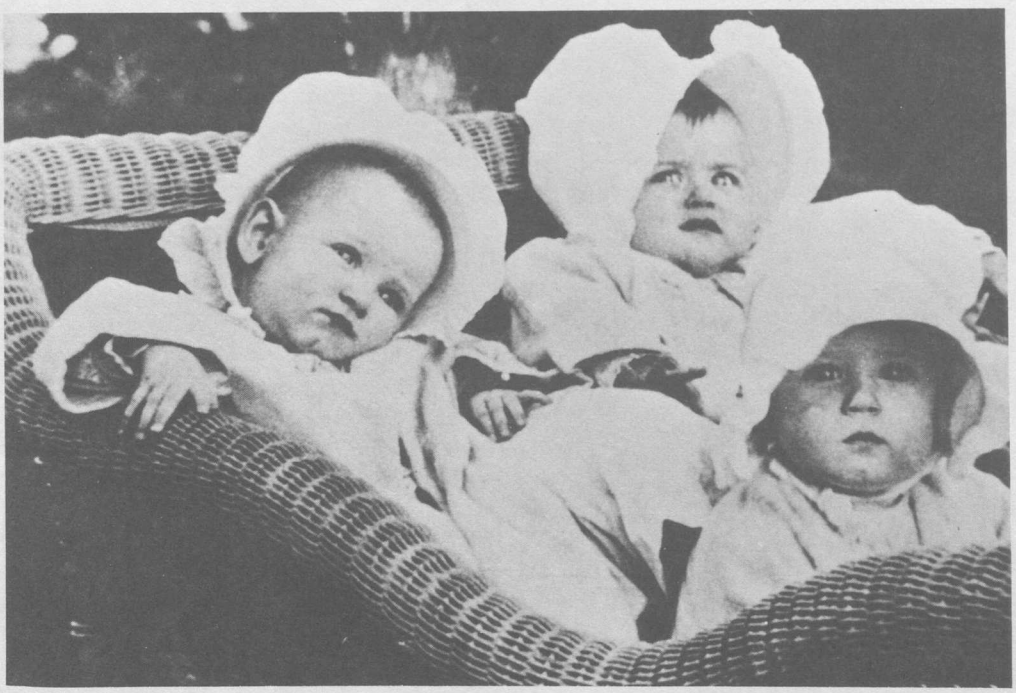
Albert Stoll had a large planting of strawberries in the 1920's.

Edwin Engel and Bill Mealey had large plantings of strawberries. Ed Engel still grows a planting of strawberries and raspberries of first quality.

Ewald Hintz grew and marketed small fruit until he sold his farm in the southeast part of Howard Lake. Many others grew and marketed strawberries and raspberries over the years.

Big Stone Orchard as it looked in the early 1900's. The orchard was located south of Howard Lake.

The growing of all this fruit meant that a market had to be found. So, in the years before WW I a marketing association was organized, called Howard Lake Fruit Growers Association, with W. H. Eddy as the Manager. Most of the fruit was shipped by Railway Express, which was a part of the 7:00 P.M. passenger train. During the peak of the June strawberry crop, it often took a full half-hour to get the last crate of fruit aboard. In the depression years of the 30's some dissatisfaction was expressed by a number of growers about the marketing, prices and shipping. Many of these member growers of the Howard Lake Fruit Growers Association splintered away and formed the Independent Fruit Growers Association. In this period most of the fruit was shipped by truck, delivered by the growers or sold at their respective Highway marketing stands. For the most part the market was west along Highway #12 and in the towns served by the Great Northern Railway. The berry growers had many problems and difficulties: hail, too much rain at picking time, not enough

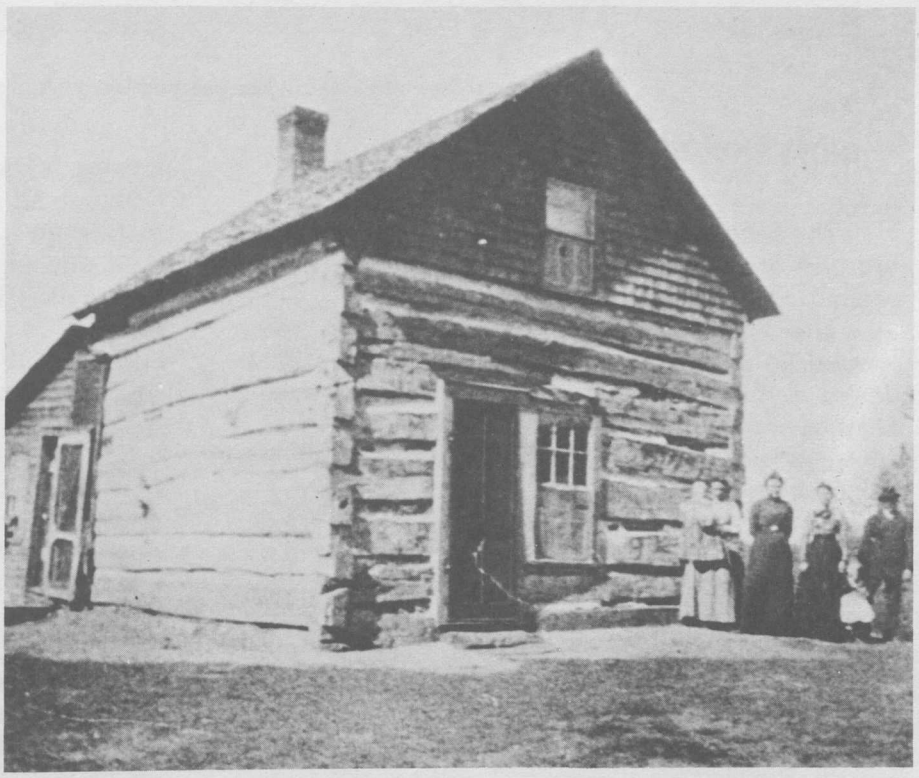


Eddy triplets born in Howard Lake, 1907, William, Howard and Ida (Mrs. Wesley Gilmer). Their picture was used as promotion for the Howard Lake Victor Nursery.

Strawberry Queen float, 1942. Left to right: Bernita Prigge, Elaine Nelson, MaryBell Davidson, Roberta Reiter, Unknown, Dorothy Adams, Verna Lutter, Elaine Seltz and Dorothy Mitchell.

rain, obtaining enough labor to plant, cultivate and pick the fruit. The berry picking time usually came in mid-June after school was closed for summer vacation. Many of the pickers were of school age and were ready to earn a few dollars. The steady pickers were generally housewives from the area. The more it rained and the hotter the sun, the more the berries grew; it was most urgent to pick them. Had it not been for faithful help, hot or not, the loss to the grower would have been great. In the early years, the pickers received one cent a quart and a good picker could make a dollar or more per day. In following years the price paid was three cents, five cents and ten cents. Things changed during the time of WW II; people went to war, men and women got jobs in defense plants and otherwise moved away. Who wanted to weed and pick berries when much more money was to be made elsewhere?

During World War II, in spite of the above-mentioned difficulties, fruit growing was still a flourishing business. Strawberries were an important thing in Howard Lake, making it the so-called "Strawberry Capital of the World". A Strawberry Festival was held for several years.



Ditmar home near Howard Lake, later bought by Al Yager.

Aerial view of Howard Lake Baseball Diamond and Memorial Park.

INDEPENDENT TOWN BASEBALL TEAM

The Independent Town Baseball Team was a big part of the community of Howard Lake from around 1905 through the 1960's.

The first ball field in Howard Lake was located in the area that lies between the St. James Lutheran Church and the Howard Lake District 880 grade school. Names such as Morgan, Comer, Hank Vogel, Jestus were spoken of as being pretty fair ball players at the time.

In the early 1920's another location was tried for a field, in the Wright County Fair Grounds. In the late 1920's the present location, now known as Memorial Park, was purchased from Gawn Workman for $300.00. Old timers stated that the village fathers at that time caught a lot of heat for spending that amount of money for the low ground that it was at that time.

In the 1930's the W.P.A. (Work Projects Administration), plus much community work, added improvements such as fill, new dugouts, terrace seats, tree planting projects by the 1937 Commercial Club. Along about the mid-twenties to thirties names like Earl Armontrout (considered one of the best pitchers of that time, pro material), Gates Jestus (also considered pro material if he had pursued the career), Levi Jestus, and Nig Massey were leading players. Important to the team into the 1930's — Roy Farchmin, Mill Eddy, Harold Vogel, Lu Zech, Eldon Banke, Dale (Spike) Massey, George and Louis Zander (brother battery). Irv Hanson, high school baseball coach, played up to the middle thirties, and helped many of the young ball players that carried on through the 30's such as Stub Massey, Lefty Smith, Larry Kretz, Jimmy Jestus, Vic Gauger, Howie Pennertz, Don Comer and Clinton (Timber) Dahlberg. Timber started on the Howard Lake High School team as an 8th grader, the town team as a sophomore, and went on to play professional ball for 17 years, from Class D in the Northern League to Double A in the Southern Association. Many felt the interrup-

Howard Lake Baseball Team of 1936. Back row, left to right: "Spike" Massey, "Stub" Massey, Irv Hansen, Lu Zech, George Zander, Jim Harrington, "Red" Jim Jestus. Front row, left to right: Loren Jestus, "Took" Clinton Dahlberg, "Nig" Alfred Massey, "Dee" Elverum, Howard Pennertz and Harvey Sherva.

tion of Timber's career by World War II cost Howard Lake their first native big league ball player.

In the late thirties and early forties Norm Gallup was a much talked about young pitcher from Howard Lake who sent many a hitter walking back to the dugout mumbling about seeing aspirins at the plate.

After World War II the field again was raised with fill — the businessmen were very baseball minded and pushed to install a new, lighted baseball field — which made for about 25 more years of good independent town teams in Howard Lake. This was a town that loved baseball and the fans always supported the local team — win or lose — at home or on the road.

Among the ball players after World War II were Myron Munson, Norm Gallup, Chuck and Jim Dahlberg, Vic Gruenhagen, Bill Banke, Glenn Bakeberg, Will and Duane Greenhagen, Milt and Al Hengel, Roger and Don Westphal, Otto Gutzke and his sons Al and Don, Don Mitchell and son Mike, Dave Lee, Denny Lang, Jim McNeill, Bill Hansen, Dick Hayden, Bob Grey, Al LePage, Dick Baker, Gib Main and Timber Dahlberg, who, after his pro years, joined the locals for his finale.

Through the years the town always had memberships in the Wright County League, North Star League, Wright-Hennepin League and Wright Star League. This hometown of ours has had its share of good town teams, baseball players and loyal fans. No team ever considered us a pushover and they always threw their best against us.

Old umpires still talk about the Sunday afternoon in May that the ball game was called to let the mother mallard duck get back on her eggs under the home dugout seats.

Twenty cents for a bottle of Cold Spring beer at the refreshment stand — 25c for Grain Belt. (Those were the days!). Five cents a bag for popcorn.

The largest crowd ever assembled for a high school game in Wright County — Howard Lake beat Cokato 2 to 1 at Memorial Park on Memorial

Winners of Region 2A Baseball Playoff, representing North Star League, 1951, Howard Lake vs. Brownton, 5-3, 3-1. Back row, left to right: Wilton Miller, Mr. Erickson, Al Greenhagen, Dale Pudlitzke, Chuck Dahlberg, Dee Elverum, Pitcher, Jim McNeill, Howie Pennertz, Jim Dahlberg, Vern Greenhagen. Front row, left to right: Denny Lang, Willie Greenhagen, Vic Gruenhagen, "Cotton" McCalla, Bat Boy, Don Gutzke, Duaine Greenhagen, Bob Regal.

Day afternoon, 1938. Battery for Howard Lake for the game: N. Gallup, pitcher and Clint Dahlberg, catcher.

Wasn't it fun to see the kids fight for foul balls that would be returned to Charlie Means for a nickel (now they would stick it in their pocket and run).

Remember when the Athletic Club after two years burned the mortgage on the lighting system for the park, and presented the system to Mayor Claude Moorhead as a gift to the town — late 1940's.

Remember back in the middle'30's when lefty George Zander struck out 21 Darwin batters at Darwin on a hot Sunday afternoon?

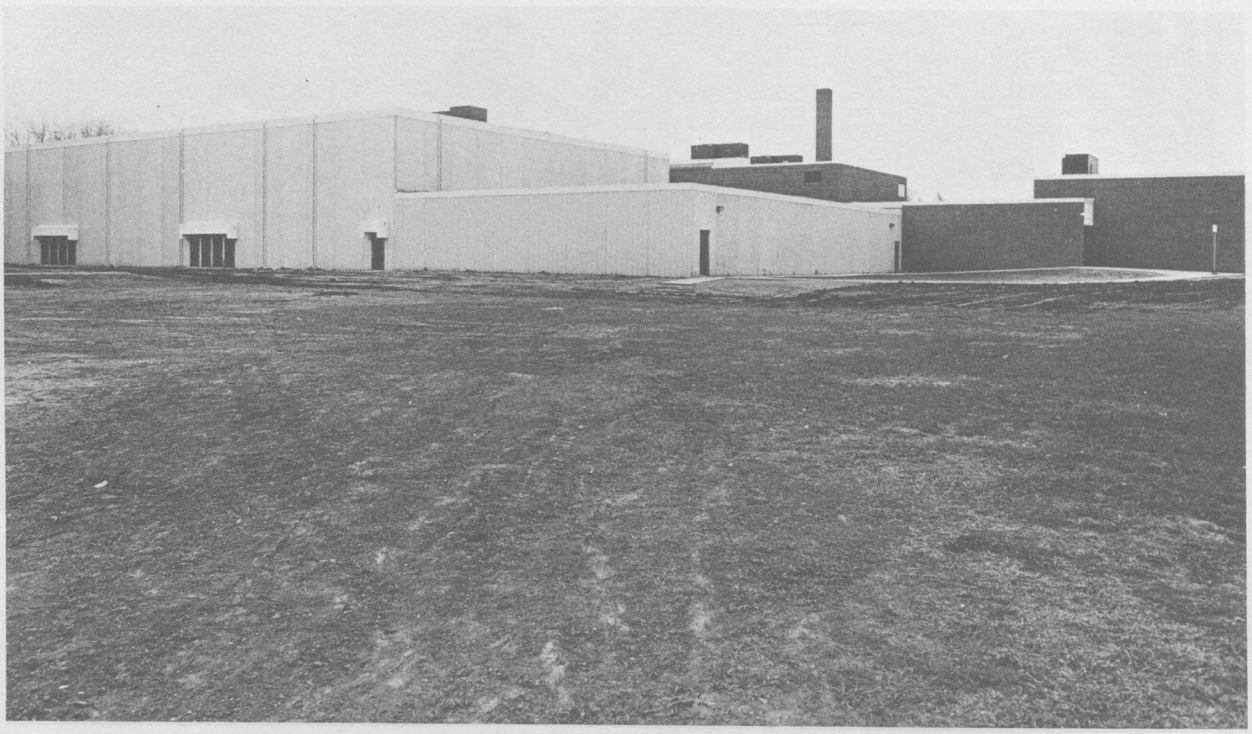
Denny Lang and Jim Dahlberg managed the local nine to the State Class A Tourney at Faribault in 1951.

Baseball Diamond as seen from the home dugout.

Howard Lake Baseball Diamond, 1930's.

Howard Lake High School Building, erected in 1900.

Main entrance to Howard Lake-Waverly Public School.



Humphrey Hall, built in 1977.

Howard Lake graduating class of 1908. Back row, left to right: Mary Ritchie Stewart, Jennie Bowers Hoover, Joe Campbell, Bertha Strache, Wesley Scheer, Ann Egnell Nelson, Clinton Murdock, Gertrude Rassat Fallon. Front row, left to right: Polly Montgomery Adams, Arabella Bowers Pinnick, Margaret Sterling Koutnick, Edith Malloy Brandenberg.

HOWARD LAKE-WAVERLY PUBLIC SCHOOL

The first school in Howard Lake was held in the old town site house, built on the shore of the lake in 1858. Miss Jane P. Gleason was the first teacher. An Independent School District was organized, and a building erected about 1870, which was replaced by an "elegant structure" in 1875 (see No. 1 on 1880 lithograph). The new building had four rooms, and three departments were maintained. The May 8, 1890 Howard Lake Herald describes the school of that time as follows: "The Howard Lake school is one of the enterprises in which the village takes special pride. The enrollment in the four departments during the past year has been in the neighborhood of 200 students and the interest taken in the work has been most encouraging. The departments are represented by Miss M. E. Harris, principal; Mrs. J. J. Woodley, grammer teacher; Mrs. A. J. Milton, primary. A fifth department is to be added next year in high school studies so that the institution will be a full fledged high school, capable of fitting young men and women for college work."

The first graduate from Howard Lake High School was Mary Comer in 1890.

In 1929 the state ruled a discontinuance of all basement classrooms, so in 1930 a bond issue for $45,000 was passed to build 4 new classrooms and a new gymnasium. This building is still being used for business education, office space and the present library. During construction the 1st and 2nd grades met in the Presbyterian Church, the 3rd and 4th grades at the Methodist Church, and the 5th and 6th grades at the Church of Christ. The new building was dedicated on December 12, 1930.

On April 16, 1952 ten school districts were consolidated. These included Lauzer Lake, Riverside, Lake Mary, Dutch Lake, Rice Lake, Merriman, Smith Lake, Vannurden and Corey.

A bond issue in 1955 for $568,000 provided seven elementary classrooms, nine high school classrooms and office space. The gymnasium was doubled in size. The original building was demolished at this time.

A new library and study hall were built in 1961. In 1963 a bond issue for $270,000 was passed to provide 3 elementary classrooms, boiler room, industrial arts and agriculture shops, kitchen, community room and two high school classrooms. Three classrooms were added to the high school in 1967.

Another bond issue in 1969 added to the grade school space for 4 classrooms. At this time 75 acres of land were purchased from Hugo Robinson to build a new school about 1 mile south of town.

All common school districts were eliminated in 1971, resulting in a 340 student increase. The St. Mary's School in Waverly closed and was eventually rented by the Howard Lake School District, with four portable buildings added. Shortly thereafter four portable buildings were added in Howard Lake. Because the Waverly and Howard Lake School Districts merged, the district officially became known as Howard Lake-Waverly. A bond issue for a new school for $2,500,000 was defeated on May 1, 1973, and another for $2,628,000 was defeated on May 29, 1973. One last attempt for $2,750,000 lost on December 11, 1973.

St. Mary's School was purchased for $263,000 and two additional portables were added in 1975.

On August 1, 1975 fire gutted the gymnasium, causing heat and smoke damage to the entire school. This resulted in another bond issue for $1,750,000 being passed on October 2, 1975. New construction was started in the spring of 1976, and after long delays was completed in July of 1977. During the construction period the classes were scattered around town in various churches and public buildings.

The new construction was dedicated on September 25, 1977. It provided 45,000 additional square feet of space, with two mathematics classrooms and an office, art room, instrumental music, teacher work room and additional rest rooms and office space. The new gymnasium has seating for 3,000 fans, with locker facilities for boys and girls. It includes office space for coaches and the athletic director, storage and a weight machine training room.

The old gymnasium was remodeled into a

Assembly room, Howard Lake High School, 1913. Back row, standing, left to right: Supt. Chalgren, Erin Murphy, Eva Rucker, Margaret Fleming, Luella Dreverskraft, Edith Lee, Unknown, Oscar Anderson, Dale McRoberts, William Graham, Edwin Koenig, Charles Brewster, Unknown, Sina Johnson, Amy Moorhead, Florence Reinmuth, Harold Boxell. Seated, left to right (back to front): Margaret Custer, Doris Latham, Sadie Fultz, Eva Eddy, Donald Kemp, Jenny Campbell, Harriet Taylor, Beth Brewster, Ruth Richardson, Lester Brewster, Mary Reinmuth, Ed Eddy, Bernice Kemp, Laura Patrick, Dana Bowers, Mabel Anders, Paul Parker, Eli Ritchie, Ruth Johnson, Theodora Slovik, Mabel Jestus, Helen Gardner, Alfred Richardson, Mabel Richardson, Arthur May, Clara Custer, Ethel Gilmer, Marguerite Parker, Margaret Comer, Nelly Sterling, Walter Chilton, Edwin McVeety, George Koenig, Walter Ritchie, Nettie Gray, Avis Garman, Hazel Smith, Esther McCalla, Unknown, Roy Ferrell, Emma Henderson, Edith Rucker, Orin Fisher, LeRoy Rausch, Albert Moffatt.

Howard Lake High School Orchestra, 1900-1902. Left to right: Robert Rausch, Myrtle Church, Isla Wooley, Ralph Richardson and Cecil McGrew.

300-seat auditorium, a library, and offices and classrooms for special education, counselors' suite, and conference rooms. A second level on one end of the gym contains classrooms, a media center and projection room.

Extensive remodeling was provided for vocal music, science and home economics. The kitchen was updated with new equipment. Total cost of the project was $2,250,000.

On the 12th of January, 1978 the new gymnasium and Waverly Elementary were dedicated in memory of Hubert H. Humphrey.

At the present time the total enrollment, K-12, is 1,150, and in the high school alone is 600. Ninety students will graduate in 1978. Fred C. Nus is the superintendent.

F.E.S. CLUB

The Foreign Exchange Student organization is affiliated with the internationally known American Field Services. This program started 30 years ago. In that time, 90,000 young people have participated. The prime purpose of the program is to enhance better international understanding. This is accomplished by providing opportunities for young people and families to learn about other societies and cultures. The Howard Lake-Waverly F.E.S. Club has sent two of its members to foreign countries. Joan Sawatzke was in Germany and Wendy Diers is currently spending a year in Australia. Students have come to our community from countries such as Denmark, The Netherlands, Iceland, Germany, France, Finland, Italy and Brazil. Our student for 1978-79 will be coming from England.

Paula Wortmann, 1976-77 Foreign Exchange Student from Veendam, Holland. She was a member of the Arvid Luhman family while she lived here.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECORDS
(Howard Lake-Waverly Public School)

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Wright County Conference Titles: 1929, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1978.

East Sub-District 20 Championships: 1949, 1950, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969.

District 20 Championships: 1929, 1938, 1962, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1977, 1978.

Region Championships: 1972, 1978.

State Tournaments: 1914 and 1972, 3rd place; 1978, 4th place.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Wright County Conference Champs: 1974 and 1978.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

District 20 Champs: 1978.

Region 5 Runnerups: 1978.

GIRLS' TRACK

District Champs: 1975.

FOOTBALL

Wright County Conference Titles: 1959, 1971, 1974.

BASEBALL

Conference Titles: 1938, 1954, 1973, 1975.

WRESTLING STATE ENTRANTS

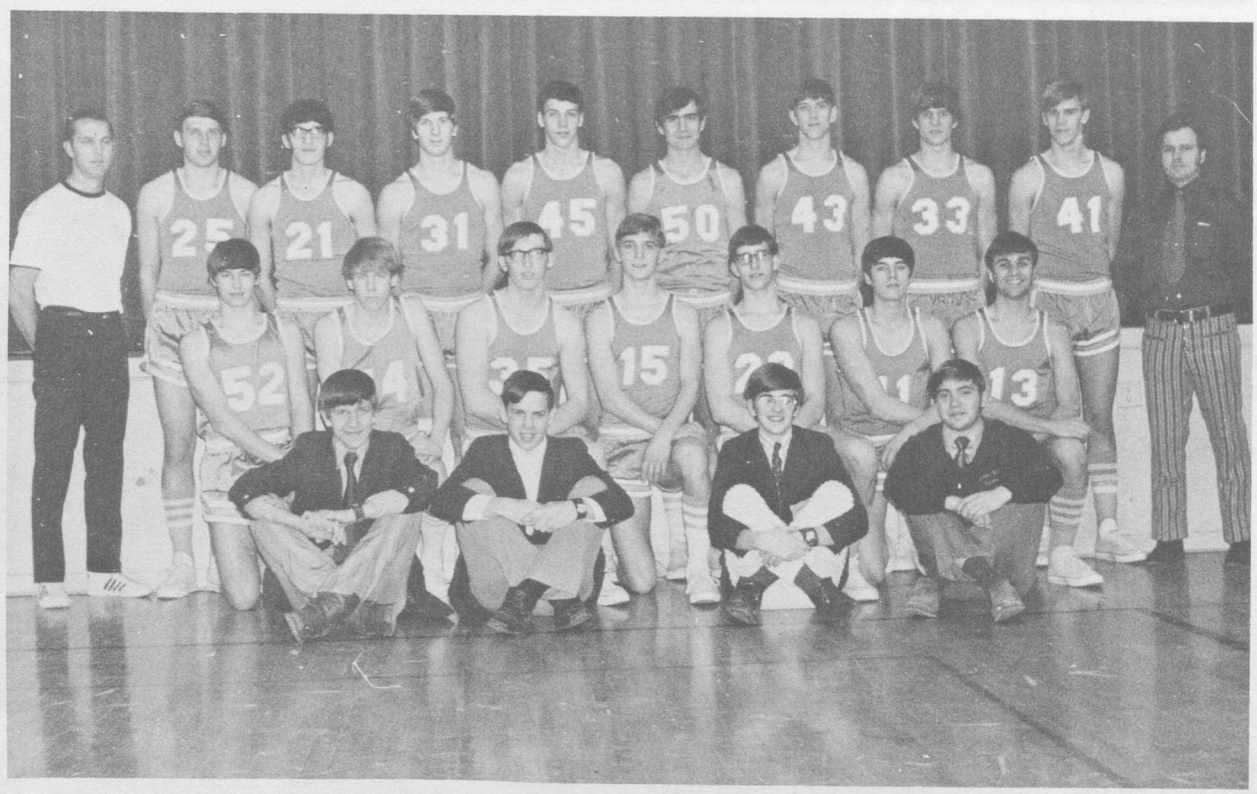
Dave Luhman, Dick Erickson, Dave Ketcham, Loren Schrupp.

BOYS' TRACK

District Titles: 1960, 1974, 1975.

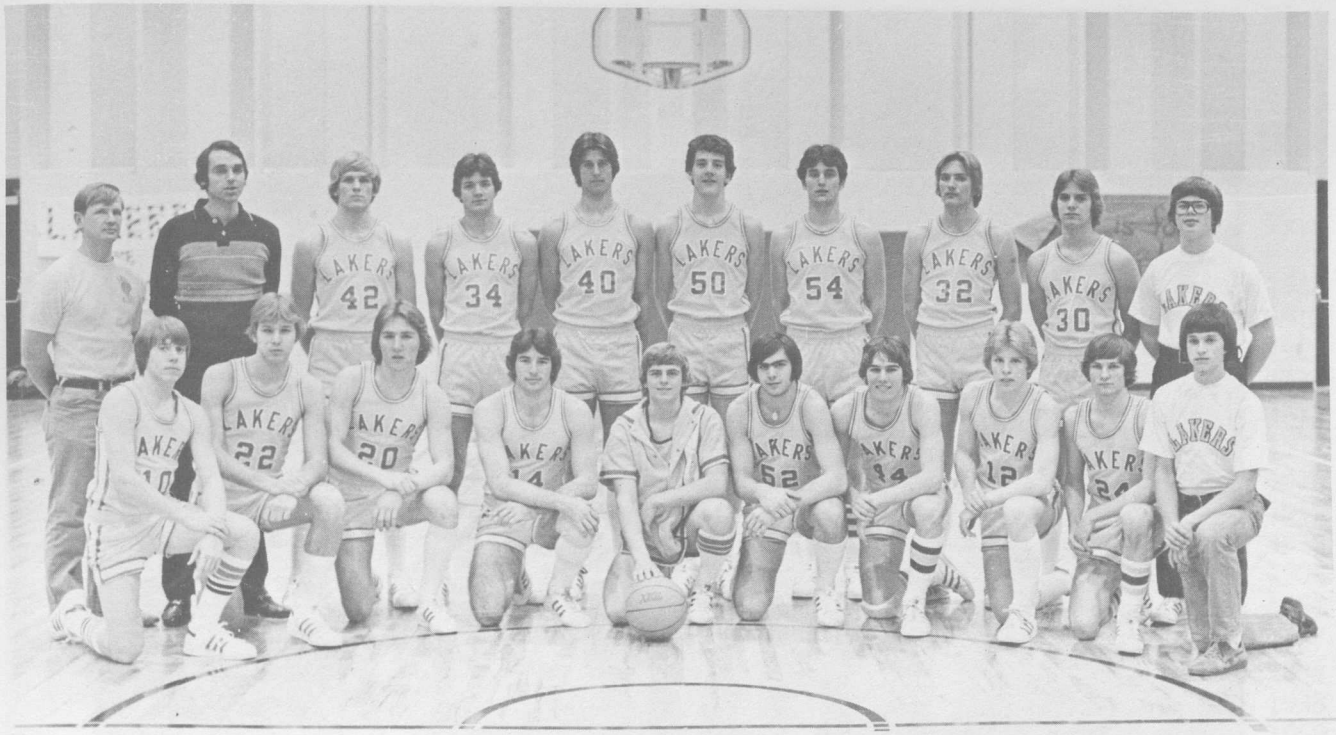
Wright County Conference Titles: 1910, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1934, 1938, 1940, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975.

Track State Entrants: Darrel Barth, Derek Sheppard, Dave Gutzke, Gary Zerwas, Jed Zander, Ray Munson, Robbi Painschab, Steve Dehn, Ron Reinmuth.



1972 TEAM, THIRD PLACE IN STATE TROUNAMENT

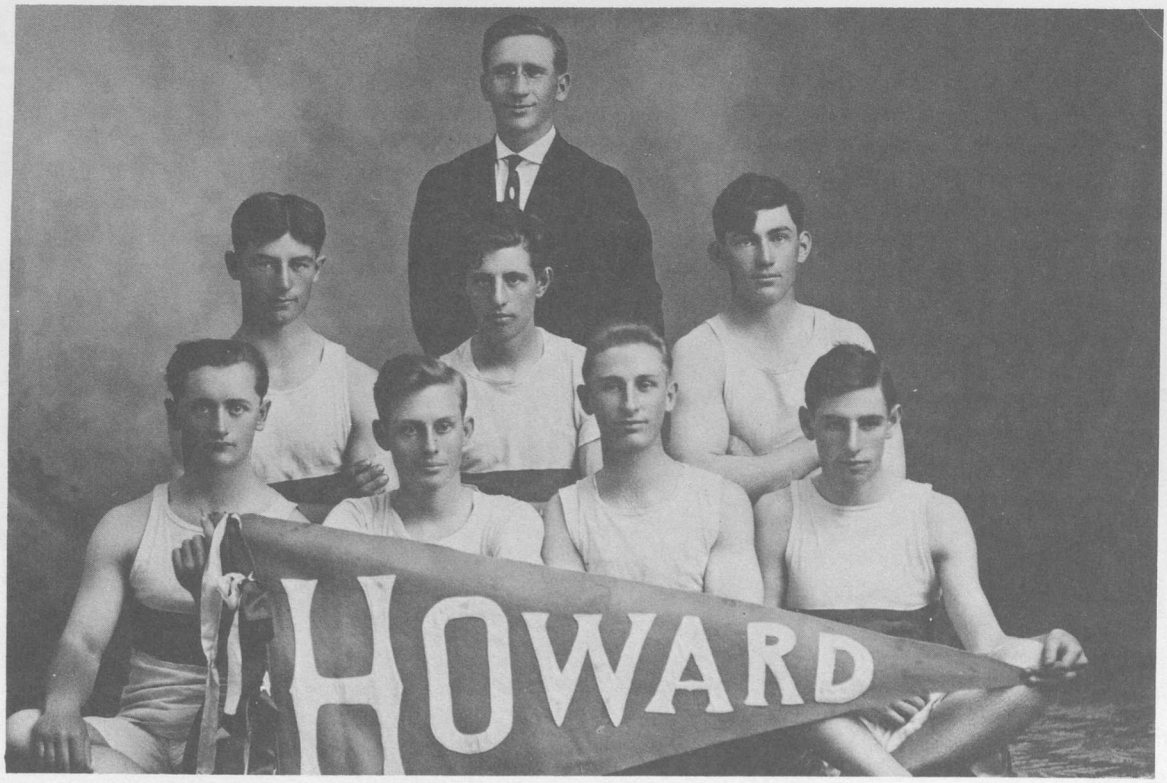
Back row, left to right: Wally Trochlil, Coach, Mike Drusch, Steve Hohag, Jerry Westphal, Dale Burau, Frank Bolton, Wayne Doering, John Thiesse, Dale Doering, Lee Gutknecht, Assistant Coach. Middle row, l. to r.: Dale Decker, Derek Sheppard, Ron Doering, Joel Pettit, Mark Weber, Kevin Gruenhagen, Steve Westphal. Front row, l. to r.: Managers Keith Myers, Mark Drusch, Dave Rassat and Doug Tesch.



1978 TEAM, FOURTH PLACE IN STATE TOURNAMENT

Back row, left to right: Denny Langehaug, Assistant Coach, Merrill Skinner, Coach, Randy Johnson, John Westling, Ken Kutz, Mark Scheveck, Steve Edmonson, Mark Wackler, Jeff Pettit, David Schwarz, Manager. Front row, l. to r.: Brian Tesch, Robert Westphal, Don Jacobson, Paul Decker, Dave Gruenhagen, Mark Barth, Mark Decker, Scott Schmieg, Mark Birkholz, Joe Woitalla, Manager.

1914 Girls Basketball Team, front row, left to right: Beth Brewster (Mrs. Archie Overturf), Hazel Smith (Mrs. Engstrom), Margaret Comer (Mrs. W. E. Reyerson). Back row, l. to r.: Edith Rucker (Mrs. Roy Ferrell), and Luella Dreveskraft (Mrs. Koester).



Howard Lake High School Basketball Team, 1912-1913. Front row, left to right: Orrin Fisher, Walt McRoberts, Bill Graham, Ed Koenig. Back row, left to right: Ollace McKenzie, George Koenig and "Mike" Ferrell, and Coach Anderson.

1916 Howard Lake High School Basketball Team, back row, left to right: Paul Meyers, Walt Ritchie, Coach Anderson, Paul Eddy, John Narverud. Front, left to right: Emil Wegner and George Koenig.

TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS

Event	Name(s)	Time or Distance	Year
100 Yd. Dash	Dale McRoberts	10.2	1913
220 Yd. Dash	Arnold McVeety	24.0	1912
Pole Vault	Eldon McVeety	10'10''	1922
12-Lb. Shot	C. Brewster	41'11''	1913
220 Yd. Low Hurdles	Dale McRoberts	28.0	1913
Broad Jump	Arnold McVeety	21'4''	1912
High Jump	Arnold McVeety	5'9¾''	1912
800 Yd. Run	Art May	2:11	1915
Hammer Throw	George Reinmuth	139'8''	1910
400 Yd. Dash	Wilton Massey	61.0	1935
120 Yd. High Hurdles	Don Hildebrandt	17.7	1938
Javelin Throw	Clinton Dahlberg	134'	1937
Discus Throw	Clinton Dahlberg	114'8''	1938
200 Yd. Low Hurdles	Don Hildebrandt	27.0	1938
100 Yd. Dash	Darrel Barth	10.1	1959
220 Yd. Dash	Darrel Barth	22.8	1960
440 Yd. Dash	Derek Sheppard	51.3	1974
880 Yd. Run	Joe Stoll	1:58.1	1963
One Mile Run	Jed Zander	4:37.0	1974
Two Mile Run	Bernard Marketon	10:25.2	1973
120 Yd. High Hurdles	Ron Reinmuth	15.1	1974
180 Yd. Low Hurdles	Ron Reinmuth	20.2	1974
330 Yd. Low Hurdles	Dave Gutzke	43.6	1975
High Jump	Jeff Pettit	5' 11''	1977
Long Jump	Glen Bakeberg	20'9''	1949
Pole Vault	Ken Loebertmann	10'6''	1970
Shot Put	Mike Drusch	46'9''	1972
Discus	Bill Schmieg	126'4''	1961
440 Yd. Relay	Dave Gutzke Steve Dehn Gary Zerwas Jerod Johnson	48.2	1975
880 Yd. Relay	Dave Gutzke Robbi Painschab Gary Zerwas Steve Dehn	1:35.4	1975
Mile Relay	Robbi Painschab Ray Munson Dave Gutzke Bruce Mumford	3:36.2	1975
Mile Sprint Medley Relay	Jerod Johnson Robbi Painschab Derek Sheppard Ray Munson	3:44.5	1974
2 Mile Relay	Jed Zander Greg LePage Ray Munson Dean Hohag	8:37.1	1975

In addition to outstanding athletic achievement, Howard Lake-Waverly High School has in recent years, grown in prominence, talent and momentum in its non-athletic competition.

Through a contest system similar to the athletic tournaments, we have sent Howard Lake-Waverly students to the state level of competition four times in the past five years in speech and drama; that's something for our community to be proud of.

Continued success in the annual Minnesota State High School League one-act play contest has brought our drama program to a position of respect and acknowledged quality. The following is a record of four of our past five one-act entries:

Cast of the 1974 One-Act Play in State Competition: Back, Ray Naylor, back row, left to right: Mark Barth, John Rose, Judy Roberts, Gail Weller. Front row, left to right: John Kadlec, Lucy Gibson, Heide Harnit, LeeAnn Haglin.

1974: **"The Storytelling Stone"** — 1st place, East Sub-District 20; 1st place District 20; 1st place Region 5; "B" rating at State.

1976: **"The End of the Beginning"** — 1st place District 20A; 1st place Region 5A; "A" rating at State.

1977: **"The Little Prince"** — 1st place District 20A; 3rd place Region 5A.

1978: **"Under Milk Wood"** — 1st place District 20A; 2nd place Region 5A; Alternate to State.

Cast of the 1976 One-Act Play, State Competition: Top, John Hausladen; Bottom, left to right: Ray Naylor and Penny Larson.

Our speech program has also developed over the years. We now compete in an average of five invitational contests per season in addition to the MSHSL Speech Festival. Each year our speech team grows stronger in number and in talent, with the individual students gaining experience in speaking skillfully which will benefit them for life.

In our drama program we have attempted to serve the best interests of education and artistic quality, performing plays of challenging difficulty and literary merit, in hopes that the experiences gained will be remembered by student participants and audience alike.

We have also attempted to serve the interests of the public by offering a wide variety of performance styles and theatrical forms — both contemporary and classical. You may recall a few: Comedy — **"The Servant of Two Masters"**; Tragedy — **"All My Sons"**; History — **"The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail"**; Fantasy — **"The Hobbit"**; Suspense — **"The Crucible"**; Musical — **"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"**.

This coming fall, in honor of the Howard Lake Centennial, we hope to offer local audiences Howard Lake-Waverly's first performance of a play (a comedy) by William Shakespeare.

We thank the Howard Lake-Waverly area public for its enthusiastic support in the past and hope for continued response in the future.

HOWARD LAKE DECEASED VETERANS

WAR OF 1812
Samuel Pettit

CIVIL WAR
John Artes
J. L. Battles
M. Berthume
Alexander Bowers
Levi Bowman
Edwin Brewster
Thomas Briggs
William Buck
Thomas Cadman
Nathan Chaffins
Parker Cole
C. C. Culp
E. J. Cutts
Jesse Cyrus
Gerhard Daugherty
P. Degeer
Darius Derefield
Henry Diers
Erastus Eddy
Michael Engel
Edward Fitzgerald
David Flannigan
Michael Foltz
George Fredericks
Thomas Fuller
George Goetsman
John Goetz
George Goodsell
Sam Guthrie
Chris Hansen
John Hayner
James Holiday
Joseph Hoover
John Jestus
William Johnson
George King
Frank Latham
Gordon Legg
Jesse Marshall
Uriah Martin
Caleb May
James McIntyre
Horace Merriman
Samuel Merriman
Calvin Moers
John Painter
Headley Pannett
William Pannett
S. Pauley
John Peardon
William Peterman
W. G. Pettit
John Rahier
Belah Redfield
Peter Redmond
James Rickerson
William Sherman
John Snyder
William Stansberry
C. C. Stith
George Straub
Mark Sumner
Alexander Thomson
Leander Watson
B. T. Wicker
Johan Yager
John Yager

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR
Charles G. Carlson
Bertram Cosgrove
Allen Gilmer
Dr. L. Harriman
John Hutchinson
Henry Pickles
Robert Redmond
Hal Winslow

WORLD WAR I
Allen Akins
Loren Akins
Maurice Akins
Lloyd Anders
Ernest Aritt
Ben Armstrong
Wesley Arnold
Fred Bakeberg
George Barth
Ed Bechtle
Gust Boltz
Joseph Brabec
Walter Brabec
Henry Bringman
Phil Carlson
Albert Cyrus
Paul DeWitt
William Dokken
William Fiedler
Arthur Fisher
Clarence Fleming
Melville Fuller
Arthur Gallup
Clarence Garman
Harvey Gausman
Edward Gerber
Louis Gerber
Alvin Gilmer
Earl Gilmer
Frank Goepfert
Walter Goepfert
William Graham
Otto Gruenhagen
Otto Gutzke
Ed Hanson
Henry Hatrick
Freeman Hawkins
Edward Henderson
Ira Hess
Otto Hintz
Erwin Jestus
Albert Jones
Clarence Jones
Stanley Johnson
Ed Klammer
Herman Klammer
Richard Klucas
Edward Koenig
George Koenig
Floyd A. Kufus
Robert Lambert
William Lange
Theodore Lauzer
Dr. Alvin Lee
Fred Main
Otto Main
Albert Marohn
Earl Marshall
Arthur May
Dale McRoberts
Arnold McVeety
Albert Mielke
Howard Mitchell
Ralph Mobley
Dr. A. G. Moffat
Emil Moske
Elmer Murphy
F. Nuwash
Edward Oliver
Henry Oppegard
Paul Parker
Edward Parrin
William Parrin
Charles Peters
Rudolph Peters
Hubert Primus
Paul Prohl
Reuben Pudlitzke
Martin Quast
George Reinmuth
Robert Redmond
Albert Saunders
Louis Scheer
Wesley Scheer
Erwin Shepperd
Amos Sherbon
Hugh Sterling
Herbert Stueven
Charles Stoll
Arthur Strache
Herbert Strache
Edgar Sweeney
Rollin Temple
Allen VanUrden
Al Wackler
Ed Wackler
Emil Wegner

WORLD WAR II AND KOREA
Joseph Allessi
Floyd Anderson
Leon Anderson
Lloyd Anderson
Howard Dale Barth
Ervin Coombs
Ervin Dahlberg
William E. Dake
Robert Eddy
Marvin Engel
Allen Engleman
Howard A. Ferrell, Jr.
Jerry Gilmer
Ralph Gland
Al Gutzke
Don Hayner
Burt Horton
Frank Horton
James M. Jestus
Albert Jones
Alfred W. Klammer
Carl Langendorff
Ernest Larson
Jim Lukes
Ralph Mattson
John McGaughy
Grant Melinsky
Harlan Melinsky
Steve Mertzacker
Donald Montgomery
Howard Montgomery
William R. Nilssen
John Painschab
Maurice Rehse
Paul Rotsolk, Jr.
Ray Schmieg
Robert Sterling
Reynold Stoppleman
Robert Touissant
Weldon Wegner

VIET-NAM
Julian W. Berg
Thomas Rice
David Uecker

REGULAR ARMY
Melford Albright
Gerald Custer

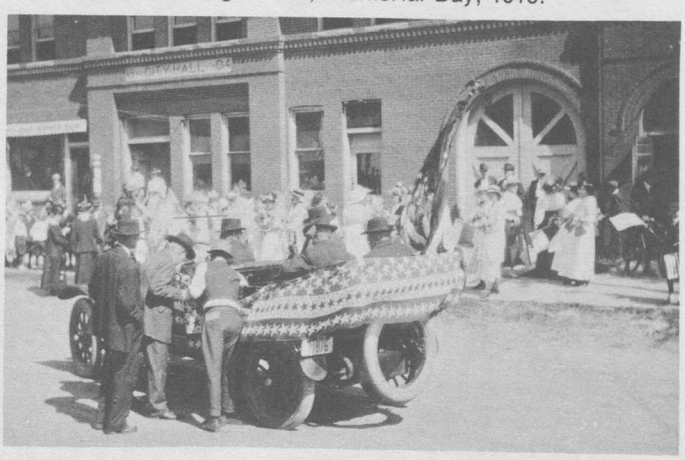
ARMY NURSE
Daisy Cochran
Florence Morgan

WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS
Mary Elizabeth Stewart

Two faithful comrades,
William Johnson and John Snyder.

Scenes of Memorial Day, 1915.

Falling in line, Memorial Day, 1916.



Helping the Blind Comrade, Caleb May, Memorial Day, 1916.

THE AMERICAN LEGION IN HOWARD LAKE

The American Legion has been active in Howard Lake for fifty-nine years. Howard Post 145 was chartered in 1919 by fifty-four Veterans of the First World War, and on September 30, 1919 had an active membership of sixty-eight Veterans. Mr. L. F. Gerard was the first Post Commander, and Mr. W. E. "Bill" Graham was the Post's first Adjutant.

Since its beginning, the American Legion has been active in many of the affairs of the community, and has served as a fraternal organization for Veterans from the Howard Lake area. Shortly after the Post was chartered an American Legion Women's Auxiliary Unit was also formed and is active in supporting the community and the American Legion to this day.

Howard Post 145 has a permanent Post home and now has eighty-three members who have served their country during every war since and including World War I. There are two surviving charter members, Mr. Paul Eddy, and Mr. Walter E. Ritchie.

Present Post Officers are: Commander, Jim Barth; Adjutant, Darrell Main; Finance Officer, Vern Greenhagen; Vice Commanders, Jim Ittel and Selmer Utne; and Sgt. at Arms, Bob Luhman.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The Howard Lake American Legion Auxiliary, Howard Unit #145, was organized in February, 1922 with a charter membership of 32. They were the following: Mary Patterson, Rose Rausch, Minnie Gerard, Bertha Koenig, Mary Stewart, Lena Koenig, Laura Rasmussen, Stella Lentz, Laura Patterson. Amelia Fiedler, Inga Anderson, Marie Peters, Laura Boxell, Pearl Marshall, Olive Marshall, Florence Muelners, Josephine Massey, Rica McVeety, Lillie Zeck, Alice Devine, Mary Zeck, Grace Chilton, Alice Moffett, Sadie Pudlitzke, Tennesse Marshall, Alta Sterling, Goldean Schmieg, Carrie Westphal, Van Graham, Mary Montgomery, Emma Hatrick, and Josephine Green. Four charter members are active in our unit today. Mrs. Gerard was elected first president of the Auxiliary, and Dr. A. L. Lee was Post Commander at that time. Meetings were held in the Comer Hall.

The object of the organization is to promote and participate in the aims and purposes of the American Legion, to preserve the memories of our association in the great wars, and to defend the Constitution of the United States. This is a national organization, with various departments such as: Americanism, Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation, Community Service, Child Welfare, Legislation and Foreign Affairs.

To assist veterans in hospitals our local organization has donated money, pajamas, slippers, bibs, laundry bags and other comfort items. Money is also donated to the Christmas Gift Shop where all hospitalized veterans in VA hospitals and 12 state hospitals shop for gifts for their families free of charge.

Over the years, to name a few, we have sponsored a Girl Scout troop, a Girls' Stater, headed the blood bank 6 years, provided Christmas food baskets to needy, visited Camp Friendship and brought treats to veterans there. We also assist in many of the District and Department projects.

Money has been earned by such activities as home talent plays, card parties, food sales, dances and breakfast teas. However, our largest money source is the sale of poppies before Memorial Day. All poppy money is used for the veterans and their families. For more than 45 years red poppies have been worn proudly by many Americans around Memorial Day.

NORTH SHORE SHINER 4-H CLUB

The North Shore Shiner 4-H Club received its charter in October of 1975. The first official meeting was held on October 13, 1975. The officers elected were: Julie Miller, president; Scott Johnson, vice-president; Joel Miller, secretary; Todd Johnson, treasurer; Jody Birkholz, reporter; Paul Munson, librarian; George Schmitz and Jedd Birkholz, song leaders. Our key leaders are: Mrs. Richard Sonstegard, Mrs. Kaye McCalla, Mrs. Vincent Schmitz and Mrs. Wilton Miller. Our charter members were: Joel, Julie, Ann, Donna and Alan Miller; Gail and Mark Sonstegard; George and Ann Schmitz; Trasi and Ross Gutknecht; Scott, Todd and Liz Johnson; Leah, Jacob, Beth and Angie McCalla; Jay, Troy and Melody Nelson; Jody, Darren and Jedd Birkholz; Diane, Nancy and Bill Krause; Kevin, Kent, Kurt and Karen Luhmann; Philip and Paul Munson; and Dan Judd. Keith Sonstegard, Ruth Miller, Jason Kaltved, Dean and Laurie Stenberg, Jason and Dan Vangen have joined since the original charter.

This has been an active club, involved in many projects. Our first year produced a State Fair winner with Philip Munson advancing to State with his geese. Although our club is small and quite young, we are proud to say we are 4-H'ers.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Officers elected at the Senior Citizens Club election on November 28, 1969 were: President, John Carnahan; Vice-President, Luella Zander; Secretary, Esther Rieck; Treasurer, Walter Ritchie; Publicity, Eva Eddy. We had our first regular meeting in the new Legion Hall Post 145 April 17, 1970, and met in this hall until April 1, 1977. We are now meeting at Red's Pizza every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Our membership was around 70 at the start, but now we have about 50 members, and average attendance is 35 to 40.

The Club has a Fall Sale of different articles made by the members. Also, we have a business meeting the first Thursday of each month, Pot Luck the second, Blood Pressure the third, and Progressive Five Hundred on the fourth Thursday.

During the summer months we take bus trips. Some places we have visited are West Bend Grotto, Duluth Harbor, Como Park, Red Wing Pottery, Paddleford on Mississippi, and Jubilee Boat on St. Croix.

We are members of Wright County Seniors Council, to which fourteen other Centers also belong. We invite all people over 60 to come to visit our Center and play cards, just visit and eat lunch. We think you will like it. We are looking forward to the new Library and Community Center, and hope it will get started soon.

Our present officers are: John Carnahan, President; Ewald Hintz, Vice-President; Dorothy Ludwil, Secretary; Esther Rieck, Treasurer; Selma Lambert, Publicity.

50th Anniversary Picture of the Easter Star. Front row, left to right: Lorraine Parks, Bea Eddy, Lily Larson, Eva Narverud, Louis McCalla, Ruth Gilmer, Maude Kufus, Ikuyo Shin, Hazel Oberpriller, Martha McCalla. Second row, left to right: Alice Ketcham, Ruth Rekedal, Ruth Thorarinson, Harriet Meintsma, Ardella Ostgulen, Doris Main, Gladys Pudlitzke, Pat Thorson, Joyce Thorson, Marty Strolberg, Mildred Williams. Back row, left to right: Delores Lahr, Eleanor Norquist, Evelyn Zander, Dorothy Main, Flora Lee, Jeanette Entinger.

EASTERN STAR

Beulah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was organized in early 1870. It was the 14th chapter to be organized in Minnesota. After a few years it became dormant, and was reorganized in 1895 with Mrs. Alice Saylor as Worthy Matron and Dr. E. Y. Chilton as Worthy Patron. Mrs. Georgia M. Woolley was secretary. This chapter was active until about 1920. In 1929 the chapter was reconstituted with Mrs. C. R. Olson as Worthy Matron and Mr. Ronald Barnes as Worthy Patron. The charter members at this time were: Marion McGrew, Aaron Cecil McGrew, Lora Rasmussen, Jane Custer, Lillian Larson, Charles Bowman, Fred Larson, Martha Ferrell, Joseph Ferrell, Stella Lentz, Silas Lentz, Rhoda McClay, Roland Barnes, Freda Bushey, Ruth Gilmer and Alice Bowman.

Through the years the Eastern Star has devoted time and resources to the Masonic Home and Care Center, and to the Cancer Research Hospital. The Star also supports scholarships for young people who wish to devote their lives to Christian service. Several scholarships have been received in this community.

HOWARD LODGE #82 A.F. AND A.M.

Organized August 28, 1869 and chartered January 12, 1870. The charter members are as follows: Charles M. Rickerson, Master; Kee Wakefield, S. Warden; L. P. Foster, J. Warden; J. M. Marcley, Treasurer; Charles Goodsell, Secretary; Charles W. Rickerson, S. Deacon; S. M. Jenks, J. Deacon; John Rubie, Tyler; Frank La Fond, Member; Wilmount Parcher, Member; William Hollbrock, Member. These men came from 12 foreign countries: France, Germany, England, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Australia, Canada, Bohemia, Ireland, Iceland and Korea; also from 16 states in the United States: Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Indiana, Massachusetts, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Vermont, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The land was purchased by M. V. Cochran from the U. S. Government August 1, 1861. It changed hands 9 times. After renting the building for 7 years the Lodge purchased it May 15, 1896 from Kate M. Austin. The building was used as a store on the main floor, had a house attached to live in, and the second floor was used as a dance hall until the Lodge took over in 1869.

Up until now 355 men have joined Howard Lodge #82. At present 61 members belong to the Lodge.

GARDEN CLUB

On a January day in 1940, ten ladies met in the home of Mrs. F. M. Kendall to organize the Howard Lake Garden Club "to encourage all forms of gardening and to increase the pleasures derived therefrom." Present, besides Mrs. Kendall, were Mrs. Vaughn Workman, Mrs. Guy C. Gilmer, Mrs. W. A. Scheer, Mrs. John Rasmussen, Mrs. Howard Gilmer, Mrs. Agnes Jestus, Mrs. Eva Narverud, Mrs. Frank Higgins, Mrs. Ollie Klucas. Soon Mrs. Charles Lutter, Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. Jacobmeyer, Mrs. Anna Pegler, Mrs. Fritz Main and Mrs. A. C. McGrew joined the club. The club meets the second Tuesday of each month in a private home. Through the years it has sponsored many plant and garden produce sales and the proceeds have been donated to a local project or charity. The current project is the new library-community "Centennial Building." The availability of meeting rooms would enable the club to enlarge its membership. Mrs. Eva Narverud has been a member since the club began. Other members include Mmes. Luella Zander, Irene Stenberg, Pauline Workman, Ollie Pettit, Hazel Steen, Lee Molinaar, Stella Judd, Meta Krohn, Pearl Hess, Harriet Jones, Mae Engel, Ella Dahlberg, Eledia Gast, Ione Chaffins, Adelia Brose, and Meg Bechtle.

HOWARD LAKE GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scout program and activities are geared to the four age levels, 7-18. The program is directed toward developing character and leadership, promoting health and safety, acquiring skills, and giving service to others. This is the program that Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouts, had for the girls of America when the first troop was founded in March, 1912. Because it is a worthwhile program, adapted to the changes of living over the years, but keeping the basic foundations, it has lasted 67 years.

There are no records, only people's memories, as to when scouting started in Howard Lake. It is believed to have begun about 1933 and continued until 1960 when it disbanded. In 1965, it was reorganized under the revised program of four age levels, instead of three, with the formation of a Brownie Troop, a Junior Girl Scout Troop and a Cadette Girl Scout Troop. In 1971, a Senior Girl Scout Troop was formed.

Service is a big part of Scouting. Over the past 13 years the Troops have averaged four or five service projects a year. A few of the "services" were: the planting of a Mountain Ash tree in Memorial Park that is still growing today; the picking up of litter in the Park and downtown for many years; the Senior Scouts were the originators of holding bingo for the Nursing Home residents, and they also gave 50 hours of service to Faribault State Hospital and to the Buffalo Hospital.

Of special mention are the four girls who earned the highest award in Girl Scouts, First Class Rank. They are Carolyn Adickes, Ranae Dahlberg, Kris Lang and Jill Piehl.

Over the past 13 years some 700 girls have taken part in the Girl Scout program in one, or more, or all of the age level troops. With good leaders, and the strong back-up support of parents and the Community, the program has progressed.

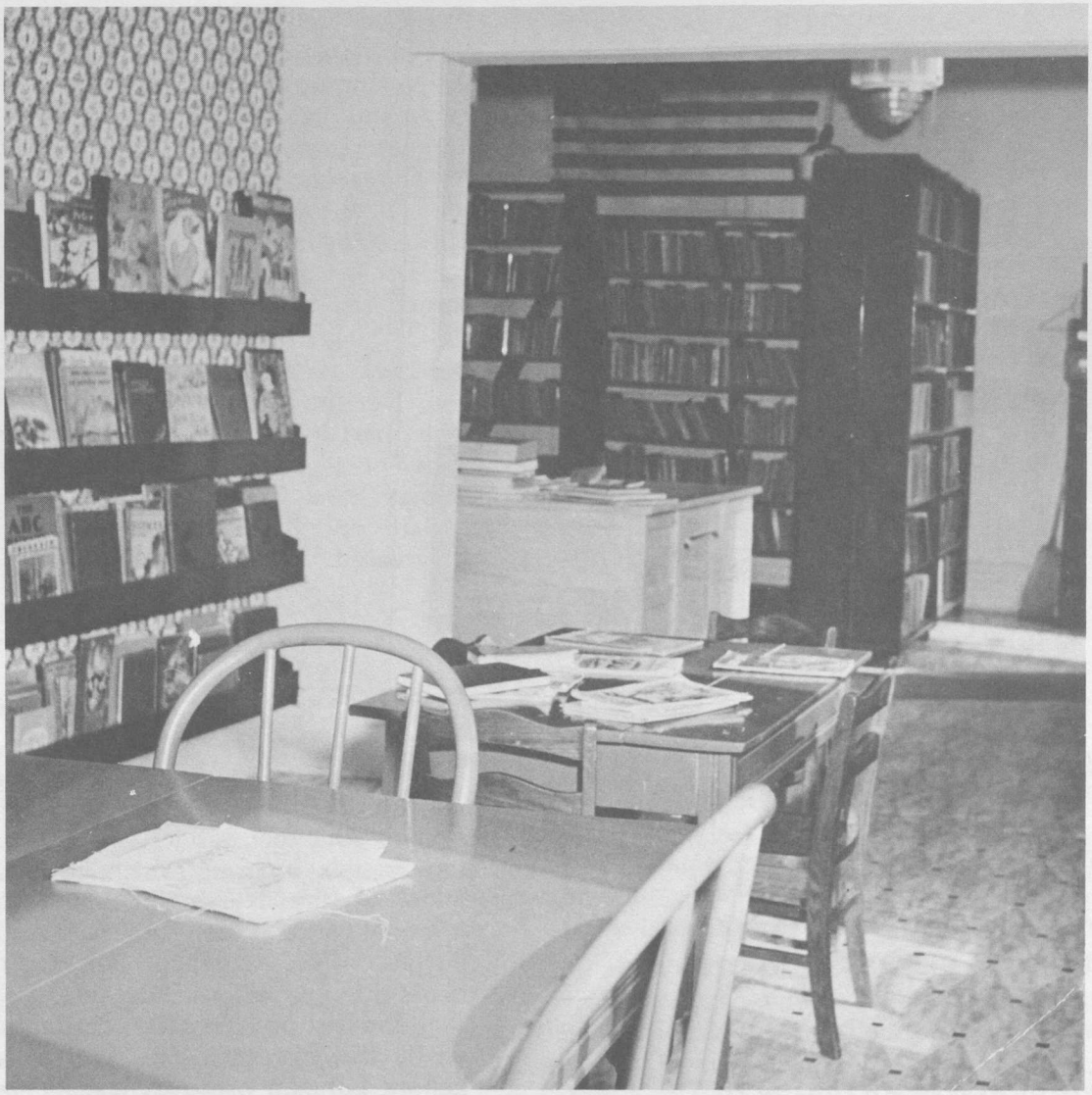
NURSING HOME AUXILIARY

Concerned members of the community met early in 1972 with Steve Rhodes of the Wright County Volunteer Service Unit and began a Visiting Friends program which became the foundation of the Nursing Home Auxiliary. The informal organization meets monthly for the purpose of increasing the happiness of the residents through various programs.

The first president was Stella Judd, succeeded by Eva Handrich who still serves. Reporter Lenore Luhman prepares weekly news columns for the Herald. Others who have served as various officers are Ruth Gilmer, Joyce Lee, Margaret Gerdes, Kathryn Luhman, Verna Glessing, Eleanor Boltz and Harriet Zander. Among the faithful workers have been Alma Carlson, Flo Lee, Ollie Pettit, Charlotte Gerber, Augusta Michael, Margaret Barth, Hilda Hoof, Selma Lambert, Clara Bullert, Mabel Sherva, Mildred Williams, Eva Glessing, Irene Stenberg, Bernice Maas, Leona Bakeberg, Gertrude Zander, Emilie and Lorraine Schrupp.

Civic organizations and churches of the area sponsor monthly birthday parties; chapel services, current events programs and movies are scheduled weekly; Fun Days, shopping trips, picnics, tours, special holiday programs, concerts, slide shows and other events have added richness to the lives of 260 residents over the years. Each month there is a new bulletin board display prepared by volunteers.

With the assistance of friends who have gathered coupons and stamps, the Auxiliary has acquired a loud speaker system, card tables, humidifiers, garden furniture, a showcase, and helped purchase a minibus.



Howard Lake Public Library.

HOWARD LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY
1905-1978

Our library is 73 years old this year. It was organized in March, 1905 by a group of 20 dedicated, concerned women in the village. The name chosen was "The Library and Improvement Association". Their vision for the growth and betterment of the town resulted in a reading room in the Village Council rooms in the new city hall. It was on the north side with a lovely view of the lake. The book collection was started with 80 books donated by members, plus some from the State Library Services. The first librarian was Mrs. John Devine. The first available records show a circulation of 988 volumes in 1906.

In April, 1909, the library became a part of the village business and the council voted $60 for the purchase of new books. In later years a one-quarter mill tax was levied for library use. In these early years there had been inadequate cataloging, so it was a great step forward for better service when a trained librarian from the State Library Service came to catalog the books and to assist the librarian in learning to handle the increasing volume of books. However, it was not until 1944 that the Dewey Decimal system was initiated to bring the library up to standard.

By 1955, Golden Anniversary time, the library had changed locations in the village hall several times and the club women had met the challenge of "making do", whatever the condition. A sprucing up was needed and with the help of the Lions Club and many donations of money and labor, renovation was carried out. With the creation of a new children's room and many added programs, a major problem was intensified: the library has never had running water, lavatory or toilet facilities.

The Golden Anniversary was truly a success story and the library report for 1955 shows a circulation of 7,371 volumes, with more than half of the books being loaned to children. Mrs. Anna Zech and Mrs. William Campbell were honored

at the Golden celebration for their years of service as librarians.

Since 1955, there have been many procedural changes, the most far reaching in 1970 when Howard Lake village joined the Great River Regional Library system. This region comprises Todd, Morrison, Stearns, Benton and Wright Counties, an area of 4,912 square miles with a population of 206,787.

We are proud of our library services in 1978. More and more people are discovering the many services available. A library card is usable in Howard Lake, as well as throughout the Regional Library system. Circulation in 1977 was 13,970, a far cry from the first report of 988 volumes. We still strive for adequate space in order to give better service. Because of our space limitation we cannot take advantage of many of the services available through the Regional Library system.

After the coming of the Regional Library system in 1970, the Library Club (as The Library and Improvement Association had come to be known) continued its efforts to provide a pleasant atmosphere in the library rooms. The club also formed two smaller groups, one for those interested in craftwork, and another to discuss a book of mutual interest. During the summer months the club sponsors a weekly "Story Hour", which is enjoyed by 30 or more youngsters. More than 100 children take part in the Summer Reading program through the library.

The efforts of those few women who saw the need of "A Reading Room" in 1905 have borne fruit through the years. We have carried on their work, building on their foundation. The last years have added new impetus and we are confident that in the years ahead the library will prove even more beneficial to the community.

Mrs. Marge Rausch, librarian since 1948, retired June 1, 1978. The people of the Howard Lake area have appreciated her kindness and thoughtfulness, and her devotion to the library during those thirty years.

Areial view of Howard Lake with the Wright County Fairgrounds in the background.

Members of the Howard Lake Volunteer Fire Department, standing in front of their fire fighting equipment, summer of 1977. Back row, left to right: John Custer, Ed Reinmuth, Bruce Engel, Mark Custer, Chester Oltman, Shelly Reddemann, Gerald Kriesch, Robert McNeill, Wayne Diers, Dennis Frey, Gaylin Scheer, Keith Luhman, Rod Werner, James Wackler, Harlan Zander, John Cochran. Front row, left to right: Ervin Swartzer, Brian Zander, Tom Main, Alvin Mielke, Roger Wrobbel, Chief Joe Ostgulen, Glen Pudlitzke, Jack George, Ted Utne, Bernard Zander, Jerry Zander, and Eldon Barth.

HOWARD LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department is one of the oldest organizations of Howard Lake.

The first available records of an organized department date back to the summer of 1896. It was organized with 25 members. The Department consisted of a Hose Company and a Ladder Company. A committee on fire apparatus was formed and reported as follows on cost of items constituting a good fire outfit: 8-man pump, $36.00; 150-ft. ply hose, $31.50; one nozzle, $1.50; one tank hose, $32.00; one tank, $20.00; also one new pony pump, $10.00; 100-ft. inch hose at $11.50. Report was adopted.

It was the duty of the village marshall to see after the engine house and all fire apparatus. It was proposed to keep one tank of water on the wagon ready for use year around. Buckets were to be provided so that the tanks could be filled as fast as the pump demanded.

The first motorized pumper was a 1926 Model T Ford, which is still running and is entered in numerous parades. The Model T was used until 1941, when a new International pumper was purchased. This was followed with a new 1952 Chevrolet pumper. In 1959 the International was replaced with a new Ford pumper, and in 1977 the Chevrolet was replaced with a new Dodge pumper. Throughout the years new and better equipment has replaced older equipment. Today Howard Lake has one of the finest equipped departments in the area.

The Ambulance Service was taken over from Vincent Greelis in 1958. It began with a 1947 LaSalle received from Vince. This was followed by a 1952 and 1957 Cadillac, which were sometimes questionable. In 1972 a new Dodge van-type ambulance was purchased. The ambulance service has grown to making approximately 150 runs a year.

The annual Firemen's Dance has been a regular affair since the first year of the Department's existence.

The present Department is made up of 28 men who double as ambulance drivers and attendants.

1957 Trap Team, standing left to right: Denny Lang, Roger Wells, Stan Norquist. Kneeling: Vince Greelis, Chuck Dahlberg. Otis Rude Memorial Trophy winners.

1958 Trap Team, standing, left to right: Russ Rustad, Denny Lang, Tom Schmieg, Bob Eddy. Kneeling, Walt Main, Chuck Dahlberg. Permanent holders of Otis Rude Traveling Trophy.

1961 Trap Team: Standing, left to right: Tom Greelis, Bob Eddy, Chuck Dahlberg, Craig "Pick" Wells. Kneeling, Roger Wells.

HOWARD LAKE HAD MANY FINE TRAP SHOOTING TEAMS

In the Thirties and Forties, Howard Lake had many good trap and skeet shooters such as Edwin Eddy, Al Narverud, Dick Klucas, George Zander. Fred, Bill, John, George and Walt Main were a family trap team. This was when the skeet and trap fields were located on the west end of the County Fairgrounds.

Then in the early Fifties, a new, modern all-electric trap and lighted trap field (first in the county) was built in front of the grandstand at the County Fairgrounds. Every year the Wright County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs would hold the annual County shoot with all towns in Wright County competing. Starting in 1956, Howard Lake won six out of the next seven years to retire the Otis Rude Memorial Trophy and the Harry Larson Memorial Trophy.

Shooters such as Bob Eddy, Roger Wells, Chuck Dahlberg, Stan Norquist, Denny Lang, Jim Dahlberg, Tom Schmieg, George "Porky" Main, Vince Greelis, Tom Greelis, Louis Zander and Walt Main were some of the participants during this period. These were all tough competitors and were not easily beaten from 1956 through 1962.

After this period, in the 1970's, Bob and LuAnn Munson came on strong and gave Howard Lake its first lady on a Grand American team, with husband, Bob, on the Men's All American Team.

Bob and LuAnn Munson are pictured with some of the Silver Service Sets won in trap shooting events.

EDWIN "ED" EDDY

All big game and small game hunters of this area for the past three-quarters of a century have known of and, at some time or other, come in contact with this grand old sportsman and his wife, Ann. He has either fixed the firing pin on the old 97 or Model 12, or helped the deer hunters select the right sights, and sight in their rifles.

Ed, in his small gunsmith shop in this town of ours, has helped many a reloader get started on the right track. As the old timers always said and believed, the Double Barrel was always known as the Gentleman's Gun. This is the gun Ed carries and a gentleman he is! Trap and Skeet shooters, deer, duck and pheasant hunters, and wild life lovers of the area owe much to Ed Eddy and Ann.

POST OFFICE

The Howard Lake Post Office was established as Middleville Post Office in 1860. A. E. Cochran, the postmaster, kept the office in his home in Section 2. In 1865 he sold the farm to Joseph Pearson, who also succeeded him as postmaster. In January, 1870, the office was moved into Howard Lake Village, into the old frame village hall. In 1877 W. L. McCollum was appointed postmaster. The village incorporated in 1878. The other postmasters were as follows: Mark Fosket, 1885; H. M. Dickey, 1889; David Jackson, 1893; Mark Woolley, 1897; Enoch Ritchie, 1913; Charles Stewart, Gustav Hensel, Fred Larson, Herbert Venske, to the present W. P. Peterson.

Three rural routes were established at this office. Routes 1 and 2 were established March 2, 1903. The first carrier on Route 1 was Ernest Fisher, succeeded by W. T. Hoffenbert. The first carrier on Route 2 was D. D. Christopher, succeeded by John Devine. The third route was established November 1, 1904. The first carrier was Christ Gilmer, succeeded by Gustav Hensel. Other rural carriers were as follows: Burt Lee, E. Workman, R. Klucas, D. Mitchell, H. Venske, to the present L. Zander and R. Trittabaugh. The routes were consolidated to two in July, 1932.

In 1904 the post office was moved to the new village hall, which also housed the Library, Fire Department, jail, barbershop, community hall and stage. The safe was blown up and robbed of its contents three times, twice while Mr. Woolley was postmaster and again in May, 1914. It advanced to 2nd class in 1945.

In February, 1950 the post office moved to the Realty Building, originally housing the American State Bank, then in October, 1962 to its present location. It became 1st class in July, 1973.

The clerks who worked in the Howard Lake Post Office were as follows: Bonnie Pfeiffer, Helen Gardener, Miss Epple, Maude Hine, Mary Ritchie, Ortha Ritchie, Abbey Kendall, Howard Montgomery, William Eddy, Jr., Bess Marohn, Evelyn Jenneke, Herbert Venske, Don Mitchell, Elroy Boltz, Gladys Strohschein, Gary Gilbert, Adeline Drawert, Eleanor Primus, Carol Goodell, Kathy Elletson, Elaine Workman, Diane Borg and Susan Claessen.

1978 Howard Lake Business Places

AMERICAN FEED & LIVESTOCK

was begun in 1970 with two people and now employs 40. Added to the building in 1975 and again in 1977. Started with 80 tons of feed a month, and now produces 3000 tons per month. Uses only dairy products in its blending plant. Louis Fraker, operator.

ASTRO MAILERS

was started in Waverly, Minnesota in 1969 with address plate making. Soon it was increased to a lettershop service with high volume in direct mail, involving labeling, inserting and mailing advertising. In 1971, a building was erected in Howard Lake with the financial help of the Howard Lake Industries, local investors. In December, 1971, the business moved to Howard Lake, and currently employs from 30 to 60 people. About 6 million pieces of mail are now mailed each month. Astro is a division of The Maple Plain Company, which is owned by The Carlson Companies.

BAKEBERG SERVICE GARAGE

When Leonard Bakeberg and his wife moved to Howard Lake in October, 1939 he worked for Louis Hausladen who had a garage business, until the end of 1940. At that time the two men went into partnership, under the name of Hausladen and Bakeberg, until the end of 1953, after which Leonard and his wife went to Florida for two winters. In January, 1956, Louis Hausladen died, and Mr. Bakeberg rented his repair shop until July, 1964. Then he bought a building downtown, near the Howard Lake Herald, where he is still in the garage business.

BARTH ELECTRIC

Eldon (Swede) Barth is the owner of this electrical contracting business. Weldon Wegner was the former owner and Swede purchased the business in 1969. The general electrical work includes home wiring, electric heat, commercial and industrial wiring. Son Sheldon is a part-time employee.

BELL REALTY

George Binder opened local office in May, 1977, on Highway 12. Graduate of realty school and a member of Realtors & National Marketing Institute.

BREEZY POINT RESORT

is owned by Don and Adell Mumford. Came to Howard Lake in 1966. Have 15 cabins to rent, plus boats and pontoons. In 1970, made campsites for 40 units.

BROLL FERTILIZER

Owner Larry Broll purchased the building in 1974 from Agrico, operated formerly by Louis Brose. Serves farmers with fertilizer and chemicals in Howard Lake, Cokato, Annandale, Waverly, Montrose, Delano, Buffalo, Winsted and Watertown.

THE BULLSEYE ANTIQUE SHOP

Located in the business district on Highway 12, the shop was established on May 1, 1973 by Ed and Kathy Groff. The shop retails and wholesales to other dealers and the public, not only in our Wright County area but across the United States as well. The business offers a wonderful opportunity to meet a wide variety of people and share an interest in collecting and preserving our nation's past heritage.

BURNET REALTY

is one of the largest realtors in the Twin City area. In 1973, Burnet had $14,000,000 in sales; in 1978 the projected sales will be $206,000,000. Max and Marilyn Angle of Howard Lake work out of the Delano office.

C & H AG SERVICE

(Cokato and Howard Lake Agriculture Service). Owned by patrons and managed by Dan Fogarty, with Walter Dehnbostel, employee. Started in 1970 and moved into former Dahlberg Lumber building in 1977. Products offered are feed, seed, fertilizer, animal health products. Also offer portable mills and equipment.

CABINET-TRY BY STYLE

Floyd Schmoll purchased former Glessing's Jewelry Store in 1977. Handles Crystal cabinet line, remodels kitchens, bathrooms and installs fixtures.

MARK "HOOT CAMPBELL

Painting and paper hanging since 1917, except for two years spent in the service. (Ed. Note: Also known for his fishing prowess and his portrayal of Uncle Sam at the Bicentennial!).

CHAR-MAR'S LANDING

Opened in May, 1972 by "Chuck" Dahlberg, a life-long resident of Howard Lake, and wife Marjorie. It is located on the west shore of Howard Lake, just south of the village park. We have boats and canoes for rent and sell live bait, tackle, and almost everything else one would want for fishing — winter or summer. We also sell refreshments in the shop which is open year 'round.

CUSTER'S SUPER VALU

In 1921, James D. Custer started a produce store in Howard Lake known as Custer's Produce. In a few years he saw the need to expand and put in a full line of groceries, bought and sold chickens, roasted peanuts, tested cream, and sold kerosene. Later a hammer mill was installed and feeds for area farmers were ground and mixed, and feed concentrates were sold. In December, 1947 a new store, fireproof steel and concrete, 40x70 feet, with full basement, was opened on St. Paul Street. In 1967, the store was remodeled with new tile, shelves; frozen food, meat and produce cases, and walk-in coolers and freezers. A fire in 1970 resulted in considerable smoke damage. After three weeks of hard work we were back in business (thanks to many local people who pitched in and helped.) Our new store, just one-half block north of the old location, was opened in September, 1977. It has 10,000 sq. ft., over twice the size of our old store.

DANGERS EXPLOSIVES CO.

Started in 1937 and in 1941 became Minnesota distributor for Trojan Powder Co. of Allentown, Pa. Have Federal, State and Local licenses for blasting work in road building, land clearing, bridge work, ice jams. Worked in Civil Defense and Corp of Engineers in St. Paul and Peoria, Ill. districts. At present the largest independent farm dealer in Minnesota. Owner, Leonard Dangers.

DIERS ELECTRIC

Ralph Diers started his electrical business in Howard Lake in 1969 and does all types of wiring: commercial, industrial, residential and underground. Employees are Keith Hanson of South Haven, and Howard Melquist of Cokato.

DIERS PLUMBING & HEATING

Owned and operated by Marlin Diers, better known as "Mert". Mert purchased the plumbing and heating portion of Lang Hardware in February, 1977. A lifelong resident of Howard Lake, he worked for Denny Lang prior to his purchase of the business.

DON'S BARBER SHOP

Owned and operated by Donald H. Westphal. Don has been in Howard Lake for nearly 24 years. The business was bought from Mrs. Gene Huerd in September, 1954. The shop is located in the building owned by Donnie's OK Hardware.

DONNIE'S OK HARDWARE

Frigidaire appliances, paints, gifts, small appliances, Black & Decker and Skil hand tools, and fishing equipment — all handled in this "family affair" hardware store. Donnie, Darlene, Connie, Joe and Deb Drusch.

ENGEL'S TRUCK SERVICE, INC.

had its start December 18, 1944, with one truck and one employee. It has grown in 33 years to 10 trucks and 12 employees. The business is to crush and haul gravel on roads and basework. Most of the work is done within 25 miles of Howard Lake. Equipment used includes a crushing plant, screening plant, stackers, service vans, pickups, dozers, conveyors, dump trucks, road graders, loaders, etc. We have our own Service Repair Shop and repair equipment during the winter months. Also operate a snow removal service, servicing 120 accounts. Operated by Elwood Engel, better known as "Woody".

G & K LUNCH WAGON

was started by Delores Glessing and Orvilla Doering in 1967. Orvilla sold to Elsie Krohn one year later, making it G & K. Serve lunches at auctions, Haunted Forest, Sportsmen's Fishing Contests, Trap Shoots, Snowmobile Races and Fairs.

GILMER PHOTOGRAPHY, INC.

Opened in April, 1975, our shop is owned and operated by Michael Gilmer of Waverly. We do many types of photography including weddings, Senior class portraits, baby portraits, copy work, newspaper and commercial.

GILMER MONUMENT WORKS

Was established at Howard Lake, at its present site, in 1928 by Howard E. Gilmer. Mr. Gilmer managed the company, with his sons, until his death in 1964. The company is now owned and operated by his sons, Jay E. Gilmer, president, and Jan C. Gilmer, vice president. Jay and Jan have been in the business all of their lives. With the dedicated help of many employees, Gilmer Monument Works, Inc., ships memorials all over the United States. We have and will in the future appreciate the support of the local residents.

WARREN GLESSING, JEWELER

Warren began business in 1932 after graduation from the Stone School of Watchmaking in Minneapolis. For 19 years his shop was in the Howard Lake Hardware. In 1948 he purchased the Agnes Jestus building, then occupied by Clarence Litchy as a cafe. He and wife Edna carried a complete line of jewelry, gifts, guns, Viking sewing machines and a watch and jewelry repair service until their retirement in 1976. Warren still acts as "Mr. Fixit".

GORDON GRUENHAGEN INSURANCE

Associated with Minneapolis General Agency of National Life of Vermont. With a complete line of life insurance and disability insurance, specializes in estate planning.

HACKBARTH AUTO & TRACTOR SUPPLY, INC.

Dwight and Betty Hackbarth, owners. Purchased in May, 1975 from Auto Parts of Litchfield, and have since added tractor parts. The building was built in 1946 and was a Kaiser-Frazer dealership until 1958 when Auto Parts purchased it.

HARV'S BARBER SHOP

Owner Harvey Luhman began barbering shortly after graduation from Howard Lake High School. During his hitch in the U.S. Navy, the captain of the USS Marshal asked for someone to be the ship's barber and Harvey volunteered. A 1958 graduate of Mollar Barber College, barbered in Owatonna and Hastings. In 1961, purchased the local shop from Elroy Boltz, located below the Drug Store, and then in 1966, purchased and remodeled the Klucas Gun Shop. When that building was sold in 1975, the shop was moved across the street to the present location in the Johnson Furniture Store Building.

HAGEMANN'S

Our clothing and variety store opened in October, 1976 and celebrated a Grand Opening in November. The store is located in the former Super Valu building, vacated when Custer's built a new store to the north. The business is owned and operated by Gary and Becky Hagemann, both of whom were previously living and employed in Minneapolis. Becky is a local girl. Employees: Gertrude Zander, Lorraine Terlinden, Dorothy Dangers, Shirley Martin, Harriet and Welton Zander.

HOWARD LAKE BEAUTY SHOP

Located downtown on Highway 12, owner Carol Schuette bought the shop from Loretta Warne in 1961. The shop was then located in the residential area and in 1972 was moved to its present location. The three operators, Debi (Melquist) Hillmeyer, Wanda Schmidt and manager Carol Schuette have a variety of services: shampoo-sets, men's and women's hairstyling, permanent waving, some wigs, haircoloring and blow-dry styling. Capable girls and accommodating to the customers.

HOWARD LAKE CAR WASH

In April 1972, construction was begun on a two-bay, self-service car wash on the west side of Howard Lake. It was a partnership venture of Ewald J. Hintz and John A. Langer. In November, 1974, the interest of Mr. Hintz was sold to Marlin Diers, who is presently the co-owner with John Langer. The car wash provides facilities for both passenger cars and large trucks.

HOWARD LAKE HERALD

A hundred years ago the Howard Lake Herald began business under the name of the People's Advocate. The name was changed to the Howard Lake Herald November 17, 1881. Since its beginning the Herald has had a number of owners: Owen Konchal owned the Herald from 1915 until 1953, when he sold it to Dwight VanderHaar. Since 1958, L. D. "Pete" and Betty Peterson have owned the Herald, having purchased it from Vander Haar. The Herald is a weekly paper, distributed every Thursday, with a circulation of 1700. Besides the weekly paper, all types of commercial printing are done. Present employees are Karen Schrupp, Rhonda Frey and Dennis Bobrowske.

Howard Lake Herald Office, about 1910, N. B. Reynolds, Publisher, right.

N. B. Reynolds at his desk in the Howard Lake Herald Office, about 1910.

HOWARD LAKE DRUG COMPANY

Has served the pharmaceutical needs of this community for 61 years. Present owner-pharmacist Robert S. Rekedal is celebrating his 30th year in the Howard Lake Drug, formed by Wesley Scheer and Richard Bushey in 1917. It has been in its present location in the Realty Building since 1925, its original ceiling intact, soda fountain still operating. Pharmacy has progressed from compounded medicine and salves to sophisticated prepared pharmaceuticals in thousands of generic names and strengths. Changes in American life styles are reflected in drug sundries: home permanents, band-aids, diet aids, pampers, paperbacks, eye contact solutions, to name a few. Approximately 30 women, 41 school girls, 1 boy and 19 pharmacists have been employed in the past 30 years; great grandchildren of early customers now come for cokes during lunch hour. Present employees are Mrs. Esther Rieck, Mrs. Mavis Scheer, Mrs. Gale Evenske, Mrs. Fred Lutjen, Patty Hayden and Janice Vogelsang.

Arrangements are being completed at this time for the purchase of Howard Lake Drug by John W. Ringold of St. Croix Drug, Stillwater, Minnesota. With his wife Marilyn and daughter Jennifer, John plans to move to Howard Lake in the late summer of 1978.

HOWARD LAKE LAUNDROMAT

Established in 1960 by Perry Halseth of Minneapolis, the store was a new concept in the commercial laundry business. It was franchised by the Westinghouse Corporation as a self-service type laundry. It is located on Highway 12 in the Fred Main building, formerly the Ford Garage. In 1966 the Laundromat was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reinmuth, who presently operate it. The laundry is offered as a self-service type business to the residents of the area and helps to round out the business community.

HOWARD LAKE MOTORS

Started by Carl Strolberg and then sold to Orlin Doering and Harold Bluhm. In April, 1967, sold to present owner, Bruce Engel. Located on Highway 12, the size of the building was doubled and two lots were added in 1969. Recently purchased body shop at Cokato. Employs eight people. Sells Chrysler, Dodge cars and trucks, and does automotive repair.

HOWARD LAKE MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

Located in the city hall. Last remodeled in 1966 and now seats 95 people. Our 1977 business totaled $385,000. Full time employees are manager Clayton Perry, and Terry Thorson, Gayle Lutter, Elwin Boehlke, and Kathy Schmidt.

HOWARD LAKE NURSING HOME

After many months of fund raising and building, the doors opened on June 21, 1971. First residents Margaret Aritt and Ann Kretz were soon joined by Margaret Engelman, Elsie Blanchette, Dick Hankenson, Emma Robinson, Mollie Diers, Esther Zander, Maurita Carisch and James Jestus. Full capacity of 70 residents was soon reached, and 260 persons have made this their home. An intermediate care facility, we provide 24 hour qualified nursing service. The home is governed by a Board of Directors of five, and the administrator. Services of several area physicians are used. If hospitalization becomes necessary there are transfer agreements with five area hospitals and with many of the metropolitan hospitals. Services include dietary, laundry, housekeeping, activities, physical therapy and social service. Home delivered meals are offered the community. Outside activities are made possible through volunteer services and the residents appreciate the many community volunteers who enrich their lives.

HOWARD LAKE PAINTERS

In 1960, Mrs. Lorraine Reimer, Mrs. Mabel Mahlstedt and Mrs. Eliza Haag began painting part time. The "painting grandmothers" soon were painting, papering, staining and varnishing full time. Mrs. Rebecca Dalbec joined in 1967, and Mrs. Carol Horsch in 1976. Mrs. Mahlstedt and Mrs. Dalbec have since retired.

HOWARD LAKE READY MIX

This business was started by Merlin "Eager" Martinson in 1961. It was sold to Dean Skaugst and then to Bernard Munsterteiger and Radzwill and Doering. The building has been enlarged four times. This year around operation employs ten, plus a manager and bookkeeper.

ITTEL'S MEATS, INC.

Henry "Grandpa" Ittel purchased the meat market from Allen Akins in 1940. Bert Haag continued on as butcher. During the years many changes have occurred: wood floors to concrete; ice to ammonia to freon gas refrigeration; cork insulation to vermiculate to styrofoam; a small wood frame building and a block building addition. In 1945, Henry added frozen food lockers and a kill floor to give a complete processing service from the hoof-to-the-table. A sausage kitchen and smoke house were added. A truck route now carries the Ittel - Howard Lake label to South Central Minnesota and many parts of the country. Henry passed away in 1968 and wife Eleanor kept the plant going. Son Jim purchased the plant in 1970. This past decade has brought more government control, consumerism and rising inflation. We hope to hold onto Old Fashioned Quality, but wonder what tomorrow's world will bring. We hope we can endure.

JONES AUTO

Wesley Jones opened his new shop in May, 1976. Specializes in mechanical car and truck repair, and auto transmission work.

GEORGE JONES

General Excavating work. Started in 1958.

JENSEN ORCHARD

Located on the east side of the city, was purchased by Milt and Dorothy Jensen in 1968 from Ed and Marge Rausch who had operated it since 1941. Jensens came to Howard Lake in 1954 where Milt teaches Industrial Arts. The orchard originated about 75 years ago by Mr. Simmons who raised grapes, plums and apples. Jensens raise 20 varieties of apples, all sold retail from their residence at 620 - 6th Avenue.

JOHNSON FURNITURE

Located on Highway 12 in downtown Howard Lake, was established in September, 1974 when present owner John A. Johnson purchased the business from Russell Lee. Johnson Furniture carries a complete line of furniture, carpeting, linoleum, wall accessories and many other items.

JUDD DISTRIBUTING CO.

A sales and contracting organization for Wausau Homes, a pre-manufactured home which has earned wide acceptance. In business for 15 years, Grant Judd is president and general manager, Gordon Judd is vice president. Gordon Judd started in business with his father in 1933. Their general store was known as H. D. Judd & Son and continued for 25 years in the building now occupied by Lee's T.V.

THE LAKE BOWL

Was constructed and ready for league bowling in the fall of 1960 by a corporation, Lake Bowl, Inc., whose members included Mel Albright, Martin Shepperd, Weldon Wegner, Ewald Hintz, Harold Bluhm and E. E. Thiesse. It was sold in June, 1965 to Harriet and Welton Zander, who operated it for nine years. In August, 1974, it was sold to Darrell Main, and he and his wife Nancy operated it until April 3, 1976, when Vern M. Kleve purchased it. On April 15, 1976 it was sold to Kleve Enterprises, Inc., whose Board of Directors are Vern M. Kleve, Evelyn D. Kleve and Kyle J. Kleve. Kleve Enterprises still owns and operates the Lake Bowl.

LAKESIDE CARPENTRY

Operated by Edwin Luhman. General building and remodeling work. Employee: Ed Borg.

LEE'S FUNERAL HOME

The new building on Highway 12 was erected in 1973 by Russell Lee. In 1977, the business was purchased by Gerald W. Young, the present owner.

LEE TAX SERVICE

Russell Lee, wife Joyce, and children Patricia and Kent came to Howard Lake in 1960 when they purchased the furniture store and funeral home. In 1962 a new front was added and the funeral home interior was remodeled. In 1968 they bought and remodeled the Nord building into 4 small apartments. A new funeral home was built on the west edge of town in 1973, and the furniture business was sold. After selling the funeral home in 1977, an office building was erected downtown where Joyce and Russell operate the tax service.

LEE'S TV & APPLIANCE

was established in 1976 by LeRoy A. Kivi. Lee is a graduate of Brown Institute and has had 17 years experience in electronics and television repair. Products sold include RCA televisions in a large range of sizes and descriptions, and various Whirlpool appliances. Also operates a service department. One employee, Dale Gilbert, helps with service and is a graduate of St. Cloud Vo-Tech.

LEMKE CONSTRUCTION

Donald Lemke started carpentry work in 1952 in partnership with Vernon O. Yager. Work included remodeling, cabinet work, concrete work and new construction. Due to Mr. Yager's health, the partnership was dissolved in 1967. Soon a partnership was formed with Edwin Luhman and a number of men were employed until the partnership ended in December, 1974. In January 1975, Lemke Construction was formed. Gerald Vogelsang is a steady employee, with Keith Lemke, Wayne Lemke, Lyle Lemke, Brian Engel and Ervin Haag as part time workers.

MAC'S AUTO

Started in business in 1964 in what was formerly the Standard Oil station. In 1966 moved to Shepperd Motor Company shop and continues in that location. Do all types of automotive repair, specializing in front wheel aligning and balancing; also automatic transmission and major motor work. James McNeill, owner.

Aerial view of Howard Lake, looking west.

Aerial view of Howard Lake, looking south, Timber's Resort, center right, Fairgrounds, left, town in background.

MAIN FUEL OIL

The Main family has been in the oil business for the past 45 years. George Main worked for various oil companies and in 1959 became a distributor for Cities Service Oil. Son Gene joined him in 1960 and in 1968 they built the station on Highway 12, the present location. Tom Main joined his Dad and Gene in 1969. George retired in 1972 and Gene and Tom are now independent petroleum jobbers with bulk truck deliveries of Pro home heating oils, diesel and gas to farms and commercial accounts. The gas station has been remodeled to a self-service and convenience store.

BERNARD "STUB" MASSEY

Decorator for 38 years. Painter, paper hanging and refinishing woodwork.

MATTSON WELL

Well drilling and repairing. Owned and operated by Clayton Mattson since 1958.

MINNESOTA VALLEY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Louis Zander of Howard Lake was elected chairman of the board of the newly organized Cooperative Artificial Breeding Association in Wright County in 1948. Other directors were Howard Montgomery and Oliver Oestreich of Howard Lake, Dan R. Brown, Waverly, and Lloyd Brandenburg, Montrose. Mark Buesgens served as technician. Arnie Lauer, present technician, who has served this unit since 1959, now serves more than 4000 cows. In 1949, 400 lbs. butterfat was average. Today, Reinhold Gabbert has one of the high herds with over 700 lbs. fat. 1978 directors are Art Bobrowske, Reinhold Gabbert and Leo Kritzeck of Howard Lake and Elmer Dahlin, Cokato. Duane Berg of Annandale is a director and also president of MVBA.

MODEL EAT SHOP

is housed in the "old bank building" on Highway 12. The two story, brick building was erected about 1902. The Model has had many owners and different types of cooking over the years. Some of the owners have been Fran Schaust, Paul Rotsolk, Edith (Young) Pence, Chuck Dahlberg, Charles Kaegbein, Viola and Phillip Collins, and Kleve Enterprises, Inc. Phil and Viola Collins owned the restaurant for about four years. In April, 1974, they sold it to Kleve Enterprises, and it is now operated by Vern M. Kleve.

MOORHEAD IMPLEMENT CO.

In 1940, Claude Moorhead (1907-1976) rented the Nord Building and began selling International Harvester machinery. In 1946, larger facilities were built on Highway 12. New Holland, New Idea, and Ford machinery lines were added. The Moorhead Bale Rack and Cattle Feeders were designed and are now manufactured in the plant. Since 1975 owned and operated by Brian Moorhead. Employees are mechanics Raydon Erickson, who has worked here twenty-three years; Marvin Klugow, Melvin Frank and Russell Tenhoff; salesman John Berg; bookkeeper, Ella May Dahlberg.

MUMFORD DRAY LINE

Was begun in 1928 by Don Mumford's father. Don took over operation in 1948, and started the Howard Lake garbage pickup route in 1972.

MUNSON FEED COMPANY

Is a locally-owned corporation whose history goes back 43 years to 1935. The first bag of Munson Feed was manufactured by hand in a 55 gallon barrel mixer. By 1945, sales were 3,000 tons annually. During the fifties a pelleting machine was installed and bulk feed trucks and bins started replacing bagging facilities. During 1965 the local grain elevator was purchased. A grain dryer was installed and storage capacity doubled. The elevator now purchases in excess of 1 million bushels of grain from local farmers each year. Present production of feed: over 30,000 tons annually, mostly for dairy, swine and poultry. 28 people are employed, 10 trucks deliver feed throughout central Minnesota. Current plans for expansion include a new warehouse and semi-truck scale.

MUNSON INSURANCE AGENCY

was started by Roger Munson in April, 1944. The agency began with one line of insurance, farm cyclone, and has expanded to its present position of carrying 12 lines of insurance and representing 15 different insurance companies. Roger is very active in State and National insurance associations. He has held the positions of President, Vice President, Director and Secretary-Treasurer (his present post) in the State Association of Mutual Insurance Companies. Also, he has been a Director of the National Association. Roger won the National Association Merit Award in 1975 for his contributions to the Mutual Insurance Industry. The agency employs four people at present besides Roger. They are Louise Lagergren, Duane Burkstrand, Gini Gutknecht and Debbie Fern.

NELSON BAKERY

Specialist in bars, pastries, breads, and birthday and graduation cakes. Nels and Nyl Nelson purchased the bakery March 1, 1978 from Myron and Rena Munson.

NIFTY GIFT & KNIT SHOPPE

Knitting supplies, macrame and craft items available. Also, hand made gifts and plaster whitewear and paints. Margaret Crandall, Proprietor.

PARTNERS

Partners Body Shop is in a 50'x100' poured concrete building, built by Henry Luhman in 1919. We do primarily auto and truck body repair and refinishing, with muffler, towing, rustproofing, Heli arc welding and some manufacturing available. Employ 8 people, 1 part time, with Terry Knuth (Bookie) secretary and coordinator; combination line body men, Steve Loebertman, Terry Thompsen, Harvey Winters and Dave Larson; Benny Horstman handles Mufflex; Jason Mapes, apprentice body man and driver. My partner, Jim Henjum, since gone, and I deposited $400 when we opened in 1968. In 1977 Partners did $130,000 gross sales. We adopted this town and never regretted this decision. Jeff Ellefson, owner.

CHARLES PASCHKE, ATTORNEY

Graduate of Augsburg College in 1969, and from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1973. Practiced law in Minneapolis, and then in partnership with Harold Dahl in December, 1975. Moved to Howard Lake in 1977 and maintains his law office in Security State Bank Building. Engaged in the general practice of law. Employs Marcella LePage as secretary.

RUSS PETTIT AGENCY

This Agency was founded in 1960 and is now in its 18th year, furnishing a complete line of insurance: auto, fire, life, health and bonds.

RED'S PIZZA

Was established 20 years ago by Wayne "Red" and Betty Hatrick. Red's Pizza has been in five different locations over the 20 years. The fifth and present location is at 728 - 6th Street. Purchased by Steve and Trudy Berg on June 1, 1976, the building has since been remodeled, the hours have been increased, and a new, extensive menu has been added.

REITER-GLESSING AGENCY

was established in 1949 and incorporated in 1959. Original incorporators were Albert G. Reiter, Omar E. Glessing, Erena M. Reiter, and Verna R. Glessing. The agency has always been located in the Security State Bank building. It provides a complete line of insurance services, bonds, and real estate. John A. Langer has been manager since 1964. Mrs. Fran Langer is employed as secretary.

ROBERTS RESORT

Lew and Ann Roberts bought 14 acres of the Anders farm in 1938. In 1940, four cabins were built and Crestline boats purchased. A home and apartment for rent, and 3-spot trailer court are also on the grounds. A good bathing beach is available.

SCHEER'S POPCORN WAGON

An old tradition in Howard Lake, "POPCORN ON THE STREET CORNER," was started in 1930 by Arthur Banke and Jim Pennick. From 1932 to 1941, Ed Engel was a partner of Art Banke. The operation was dormant for a few years while Art worked on the Alaskan Highway. Gaylin and Mavis Scheer went into partnership with Art in 1951 and since then have been at every Wright County Fair. The Scheers bought out Art in 1969. In 1971, Sno-Cones were added, so now it is "POPCORN AND SNO-CONES ON THE STREET CORNER."

SECURITY STATE BANK OF HOWARD LAKE

Established September 15, 1915, at McGregor, Minnesota as McGregor State Bank. Moved to Howard Lake in October, 1934, with name changed to Security State Bank. New building constructed in 1947, expanded into adjoining building in 1970. Assets on December 31, 1977: $9,022,000. Officers: president, Omar E. Glessing; vice presidents, Floyd B. Munson, Verna R. Glessing; cashier, Gary R. Vangen; assistant cashiers, John A. Langer, Delores Lahr, Carol Burau; tellers, Catherine Maynard, Julianne Vangen, Angela Horstman; secretary, Frances Langer. Directors are Omar Glessing, Floyd Munson, Verna Glessing and Rolland Glessing.

SIGNS BY D. M. LUHMAN

Located on Highway 12 and County Road 6, opened for business in May, 1977. Owned and operated by Doris Luhman. Services include highway signs, truck lettering, show cards, calligraphy, banners, water color paintings and cartoons.

ROK W. SHIN, M.D.

Physician and Surgeon. Fellow American Academy of Family Physicians, Fellow American College of Emergency Physicians. Fellow American Society of Abdominal Surgeons. Federal Aviation Medical Examiner, Federal Aviation Accident Investigator. Health Director of Wright County. Deputy Coroner of Wright County. Member of American Medical Association, Minnesota State Medical Association, Wright County Medical Society. Attending physician of Watertown Community Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital, Winsted.

6-12 AUTO SERVICE

Automotive and truck repair of all kinds. Handle Skelly products including gas, oils and greases, and Firestone tires. Two mechanics are on duty daily. Owner John Cochran purchased business from Shepperd Motor in April, 1977, for whom he had worked for eight years as a mechanic.

SONSTEGARD FOODS

dehydrates eggs and milk for sale to commercial companies such as Winchell Doughnuts, Creamette Macaroni, General Mills, Nabisco and others. Owned and operated by Phil Sonstegard, Dr. of Veterinary Medicine, who came to Howard Lake in 1972.

STANDARD LUMBER CO.

Has served the area people with their building material needs since it was purchased in 1961 from Central Lumber Co. Edward P. Lagergren, who operated the yard for Central, is manager. Standard is a lineyard operation with 29 branches throughout Minnesota. It is an outgrowth of the Empire Lumber Co., a sawmill formerly in Winona, Minnesota, which dates back to 1850. Standard opened its first lumber yard in St. Peter, Minnesota in 1894. The headquarters was moved to Winona in 1899, where it remains.

STIMMLER HARDWARE AND SUPPLY
(OUR OWN HARDWARE)

Located in the big green store on Highway 12, just north of Custer's Super Valu, Bill and Margaret Stimmler purchased the business from Rudy Terlinden in January, 1976. Major items are plumbing and electrical supplies, builders supplies, small appliances, Hotpoint major appliances, complete paint and wallpaper department, gifts, and Surge and farm supplies. Doris Westling is our employee. Our slogan is Small Town Service with Big City Prices.

STOLL'S WELL REPAIR

does well drilling and repair work. Owned by Martin Stoll and in business since 1963.

STROHSCHEIN OIL CO.

Started in 1947 as a partnership by brothers Len and Al. A bulk plant was built at present site and Ed Shepperd's Station on Highway 12 was leased. Opened for business as Phillips 66 Oil Jobbers of bulk delivery and retail station. Partnership built a new station in 1960. When Len died in 1965, the station was sold and Al and Bess bought ownership of the bulk plant. The business has since been moved to their home. Various dealers, gravel and road contractors and local and rural patrons were served during the years.

T & O AUTO PARTS

In November, 1962, Dale Thorson and John Oberpriller bought 5 acres of land one mile east of Howard Lake on Highway 12 to start a business dealing in used auto parts. John and Dale both worked full time jobs, and in the evenings filled customers' orders for pickup the following day. Later they quit their outside jobs to work full time in the yard. In January, 1965, a fire destroyed the garage and office. Besides this setback, Dale became ill and sold his interest to Jack Oberpriller. The name T & O was kept as it was well established by that time through advertising. In 1967 an additional four acres adjoining on the west were bought. We've met all kinds of people in these 15 years — people who have become our friends and whom we would never have met otherwise.

DR. ELMER THIESSE

was born in Ceylon, Minnesota. Graduate of the U. of M. in Civil Engineering in 1945. Served in the Navy and then attended dental school. Graduated in 1951 and practiced in Elmwood, Wisconsin for four years before coming to Howard Lake.

TIMBER'S RESORT

Nature, peace and quiet are the keys to this resort. Year-around guests live in deluxe cottages by our community's greatest asset, beautiful Howard Lake. By working with Nature, and by encouraging a simple and relaxed way of life, this resort has become known as "The Garden Spot of Middleville". Since 1955, owned and operated by Timber and Ella May Dahlberg.

JIM TESCH

distributor of Oak Grove milk products for 11 years.

TRI-TOWN CO-OP

A general service station offering tires, batteries, maintenance. Deliver bulk gas, fuel oil and LP-Gas. Tri-Town has handled Midland Co-op products for more than 20 years. Duane Major, manager, with helpers Ervin Bobrowske, Gary Major, Louis Taylor, Scott Schmieg and Barry Schmieg.

UNITY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

was organized in 1878 under the title of Stockholm Mutual Insurance Company. At that time the policies were written in Swedish. It was the 11th company of 150 township mutuals. In 1961 Stockholm Mutual merged with Buffalo Mutual and the name changed to Unity Mutual. Two more mergers were to follow: Patrons Mutual of Robbinsdale in 1967 and Middleville Mutual in 1971. In 1878 the largest individual policy totalled $1,634, with $796,000 of insurance in force, as compared to an individual policy of $796,000 in 1978, with $167 million of insurance in force. Office records were kept in the home of the Secretary until 1946 when an office was opened in the Nord Building. In 1977, Unity purchased its own office at 616 - 8th Avenue. It is now the 3rd largest company in Minnesota.

WARNKE LIVESTOCK, INC.

The Warnke horse business was started in Glencoe, Minnesota in 1918 by Herman and William Warnke. The brothers were buyers and sellers of draft horses. In 1927, Herman moved to Howard Lake and began his own business on the Henry Warnke, Sr., homestead southwest of Howard Lake. Horses were shipped by rail from the Dakotas to Glencoe and then led to Howard Lake, a distance of 25 miles, tied behind horse-drawn wagons. In 1934, Herman bought the present Warnke farm south of Howard Lake, and moved his "Square Deal Horse Market" there. By 1946, tractor power was squeezing out horsepower, and Herman and son Orville started dealing in dairy cattle. In 1960 Herman passed away and Orville continued the business. Youngest son, Craig, entered the business in 1974 and the name was changed to Warnke Livestock, Inc.

WEGNER ELECTRIC

Begun by Weldon Wegner in 1958 and now managed by his son, Harold. Rewind motors, generators and compressors. Also retail motors. Two men employed.

WESTPHAL ELECTRIC

Organized in 1939 with the advent of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) bringing electricity to farming communities in Wright County and seven adjoining counties. Wired baseball park and fairgrounds in Howard Lake. During World War II worked with Naval Ship Repair in Alameda, Calif. Owner, Edwin Westphal; assistant, Raymond Bakeberg.

WREN'S 66

Owned and operated by Francis and Jerry Wren, father and son. Started business in 1970 on Highway 12 and County Road No. 6 (now the David C. Bell building). In 1973 moved to present location on Highway 12 and 6 So., and expanded business which now includes snowmobiles, lawnmowers, motorcycles for sales and repair, fishing bait and tackle, car repair, Triple A Towing and Starting Service, and many parts. Brad Birkholz is employed and son, Jerry.

ZANDER CONSTRUCTION

is owned and operated by Paul Zander. Does general excavating and sewer and water systems.

ZANDER TRUCKING

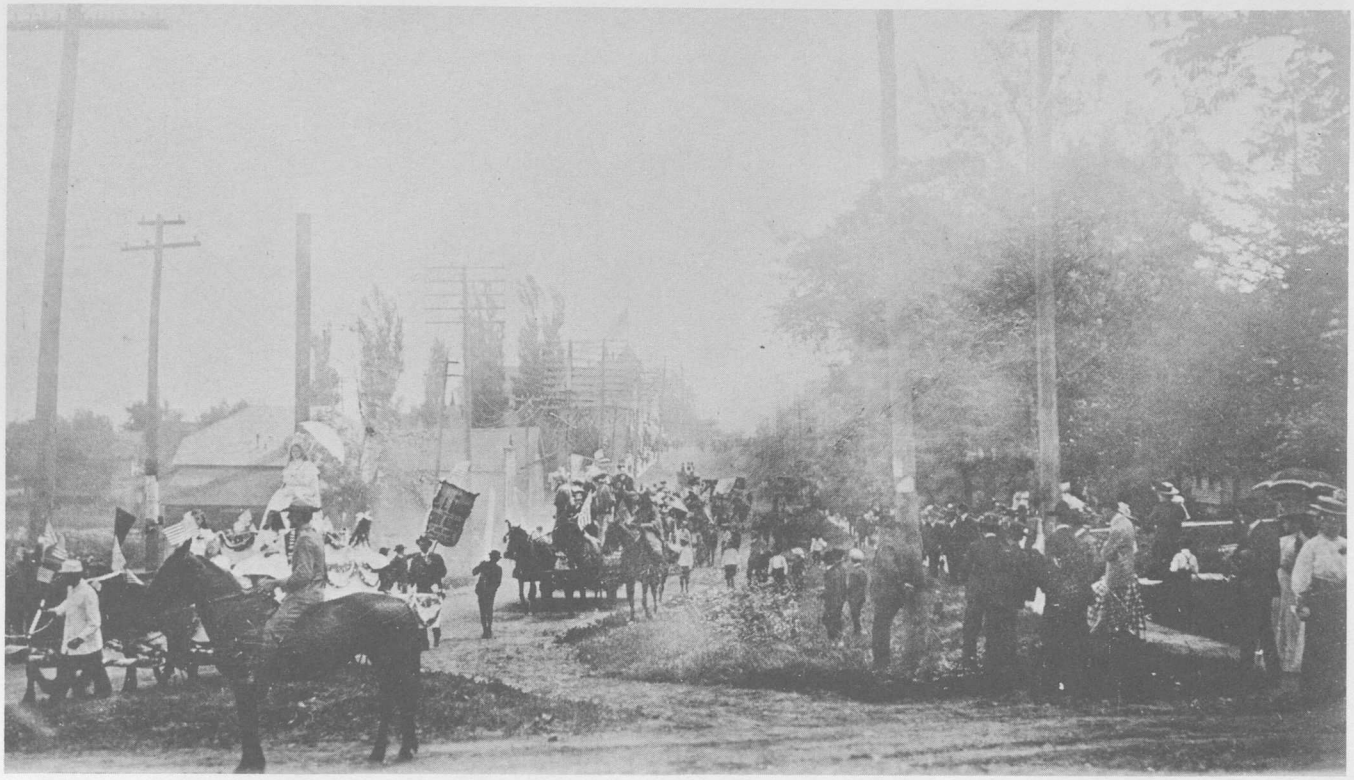
Hauling of livestock and freight. Owned by Edward and Evelyn Zander and their son, Lowell.

TWO BUSINESS PLACES OBSERVE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Unity Mutual Insurance Company and the Howard Lake Herald are both observing their 100th anniversaries in this Centennial year.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Rausch Store Building as it looked about 1900 (above) and as it is today (below).



Parade in Howard Lake on George Street (U. S. Highway 12) near Goodsell Street, looking east, (above). Picture was taken about 1900. Below is how the street looks today. Photo taken on same corner as picture above.

Great Northern Railroad "S" curve, 1900, at Howard Lake (above). Only "S" curve on the Great Northern system, straightened out about 1907-1908. Pictured below, the same section of the railroad as it looks today.

County Road 6 (Winsted Road) looking north, as it was in the early 1900's (above) and today (below).

Main Street (U. S. Highway 12) as it looked in the early 1900's (above) and as it is today (below).

Main Street (U.S. Highway 12) looking west from 7th Street, early 1900's (above). As it appears today (below).

St. Paul Street looking north, about 1920, Rausch Store and Service Buildings (above). St. Paul Street today (below) Donnie's OK Hardware, Unity Mutual Insurance Office, Lee Tax Service Office and Lee Apartment Building.

U. S. Highway 12, about 1920 (above) and as the street looks today (below).

CENTURY FARMS

Otto Gruenhagen — 1877
Henry Herbst — 1872
Luhman, Inc. — 1876
Ralph Shepperd — 1862
Elmer Robinson — 1874
Donald Dangers — 1864
Loren Zander — 1875

HIGHLIGHTS OF HOWARD LAKE FROM 1904 TO 1977

Editor's Note: The first Village Hall burned, destroying all records prior to 1904.

1904—Village Hall to be built, costing not more than $9,000.
1905—All wooden sidewalks in the Village were condemned.
1907—A committee from the high school asked to use the Hall for basketball practice, but it was voted down.
1908—Voted to grant the Ladies Improvement Club the laying of pipes to the fountain in the park east of the Village Hall.
1909—Could not get anyone to clean up the downed wood in the park and so they could not sell the wood.
1910—New water tank.
1911—Ordinance prohibiting autos from running faster than 8 miles per hour.
1912—Voted to buy 1 pair of handcuffs.
1913—The Improvement Club was allowed to put wooden plugs in the north wall to support climbing vines.
1914—Village bought a tower and bell for fire alarms.
1915—Voted to pay Maurice J. Llagg expenses while here to make a talk on the model town of Howard Lake.
1916—Voted to make a baseball grounds in Village Park.
1921—Permission granted to use the Village Hall as basketball court. (For a number of years this was considered to be the best basketball court in Wright county).
1925—Water meters installed.
1928—Motion that trees be planted in the park.
1931—Village took over the library from the Library Club.
1933—Have carpenters look over the Village Hall if it would be possible to have the wall between the courtroom and restaurant removed without weakening the upstairs floor, and if so, to do it and make one room and rent it for a coffee shop.
1934—Hotel Howard still in operation.
1936—Paint the City Hall barbershop; new chlorinator purchased.
1937—Hill's Restaurant in Village Hall to vacate and the Liquor Store to be moved there; Post Office and Barbershop still in Village Hall.
1938—W.P.A. application for sidewalks and sewage disposal plant.
1939—Library hours to be changed to be open two hours Saturday afternoon and two hours Saturday evening.
1940—Was decided the blowing of the siren to be at 12:00 noon and curfew, 9:00.
1941—Library to be open on Wednesday evening also; rearing pond established.
1942—War Production Board refused permission to erect new pump house.
1943—Street tree planting program to be started.
1944—State of streets impossible — state of emergency.
1945—More trees planted on boulevards; band stand to be screened in before summer concerts start.
1946—Raised the grade of the park so it can be used for baseball games.
1947—Legion paid $250 toward Park Department and asked that it be permanently known as Howard Lake Memorial Park with a war memorial to be put in later on; July 4th celebration at the park.
1948—Bids for water and sewage plant.
1949—Youth Recreation Center in Village Hall on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and Saturday afternoons.
1950—Strawberry Festival held.
1951—Five metal voting booths purchased and installed in Council Room.
1952—Telephone booth installed on south side of Village Hall.
1953—Concrete block rest rooms erected in park.
1954—Library redecorated for 50th anniversary of Library Club and archway cut between library and outer Council Room.
1957—Library to be open Friday evening instead of Saturday evening.
1958—Greelis Ambulance taken over by Village and Firemen to furnish driver.
1959—Metal fence put around ball park.
1960—Diagonal parking from Bank to Highway 12.
1961—School stop signs installed.
1962—Contract awarded for construction of new Post Office; Dustin Massacre site approved as state historical site.
1963—Council voted against proposed street improvement project.
1964—New fire alarm system installed.
1965—Preliminary agreement approved for contracting services for storm sewer and street improvements.

1966—Special Use Permit granted Gerry and Helen Zander for a trailer court and camp.
1967—County Assessor and deputy to revalue all property in Village.
1968—Read your own water meter system set up.
1969—Two fluoridation systems purchased.
1970—Emergency declared for construction of new well; Community Day held September 16.
1971—Twenty-nine new mercury vapor lighting units purchased to replace present lights.
1972—Boat landing at Memorial Park approved; building permit accepted for 24-unit, low income apartment building to be erected on Herman Yager property.
1973—St. Paul Street made one-way street.
1974—Bid let for Park Pavilion construction.
1974—Christy Rasmussen retired after serving as Police Officer for 22 years, 1952 to 1974.
1975—Tennis court construction approved.
1976—Bicentennial Celebration held June 12 and 13.
1977—One hundred fifty-eight year old centennial tree at Fair Grounds succumbed to Dutch Elm disease.

Strohschein Oil Co. Service Station
About 1947.

Christy Rasmussen receives recognition from Muriel Humphrey on his retirement after 22 years as Howard Lake Police Chief.

North view from the Howard Lake Water Tower, about 1916 or 1918.

Henry Vogel Ford Garage, built by Henry Luhman, Contractor, 1916. The garage was owned by Fred Main from 1946 to 1969. The building is presently occupied by Partner's Body Shop and Howard Lake Laundromat.

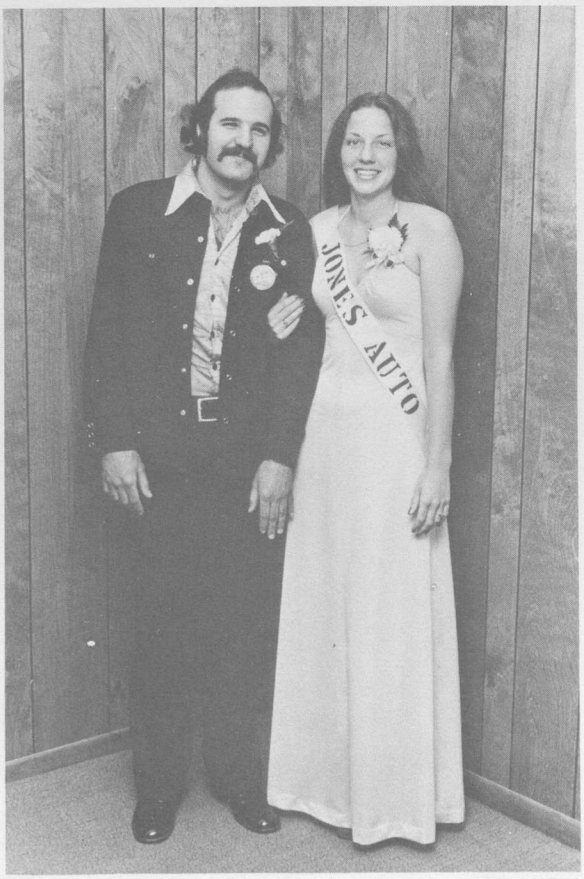
Howard Lake Centennial Queen Candidates

Lee Ann Haglin, Bicentennial Queen, places crown on Carla Munson, Centennial Queen, as Bruce Solburg, M.C., and Junior Attendant Quay Zander look on.

Queen Carla Munson and Mike Gilmer, sponsored by Gilmer Photography.

Princess Nancy Kottke and Roger Munson, sponsored by Munson Insurance Agency.

Kelly Kennard and Steve Berg, sponsored by Red's Pizza.



Julia Luhman and Wes Jones, sponsored by Jones Auto.

Marsha Erickson and Gary Hagemann, sponsored by Hagemann's Clothing and Variety.

Susan Hechsel and Charles Paschke, sponsored by Howard Lake Drug.

Dawn Lazarre and Mark Custer, sponsored by Custer's Super Valu.

Angela Horstman and Omar Glessing, sponsored by Security State Bank.

Dawn Glessing and Gary Vangen, sponsored by Reiter-Glessing Agency.

Kristin Working and Beryl Munson, sponsored by Munson Feed Co.

Howard Lake Observes Bicentennial

Grand Marshall of the Bicentennial Parade, "Hoot" Campbell.

Bicentennial Queen candidates, left to right: Susan Schaar, Margaret Stoll, Debbie Engel, LuAnn Lauzer, Lee Ann Haglin, Connie Drusch, Jenelle Schmieg, Gale Pudlitzke, Carrie Barth, Barb Cochran, Debbie Hollerbach, Dawn Erickson, Jessie Schrupp, Jane Zander, Nancy Kottke, Joni Klammer and Patty Schrupp.

Indian Brave and Cowboy leading the Bicentennial Kiddie Parade.

Some of the entrants in the Bicentennial Kiddie Parade.

Howard Lake Senior Citizens also took part in the Bicentennial Parade.

Queen float and Bicentennial Royalty, Queen Lee Ann Haglin, Princess Margaret Stoll, along with Miss Hauser and Master Winkels, Junior Attendants.

Howard Lake American Legion Post 145 Color Guard leading the Bicentennial Parade.

Waverly's entry in the Bicentennial Grand Parade.

Twenty hitch dog team was a crowd pleaser during the Bicentennial Grand Parade.

Jerome Cafferty's steam engine chugging along in the Bicentennial Parade.

Some of the pioneer cars entered in the Bicentennial Grand Parade.

The parade wasn't all mechanized as many beautiful horses took part in the Bicentennial Grand Parade.

Howard Lake Marching Band in the Bicentennial Parade.

Delano Marching Band in the Bicentennial Parade.

A very large crowd attended Bicentennial Church Services at the Fairgrounds.

Howard Lake men's waterball team in action on Sunday, June 13, 1976, during the two-day Howard Lake Bicentennial celebration.

Bicentennial Queen Lee Ann Haglin.

Bicentennial Princess Margaret Stoll.

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